

# FRUIT FLY MONITORING SHEET

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### How often should I check my traps?

Traps should be checked weekly when populations are expected to be increasing or in high numbers. For Queensland Fruit Fly, this is when daily maximum temperatures exceed 22 degrees.

Traps may be checked every 2-4 weeks when temperatures are below 22 degrees.

### What should I do when checking my traps?

Record the number of Queensland Fruit Flies found and remove them from the trap. Warning: use gloves or tweezers to remove fruit flies to avoid contact with insecticide on your skin.

## What is the purpose of monitoring?

To detect incursions of fruit flies in the area, and determine whether populations are increasing or decreasing.

### What do I do if fruit fly numbers are increasing?

Implement further control methods to help reduce fruit fly numbers. Orchard hygiene is one of the most important control methods to restrict maggots making their way from fallen fruit into the soil to pupate.

### Where should I place my traps?

During cool periods, traps are best located in warm spots, such as the north-east side of trees. In hot conditions traps are best located in cooler, sheltered areas on the south-west side of trees.