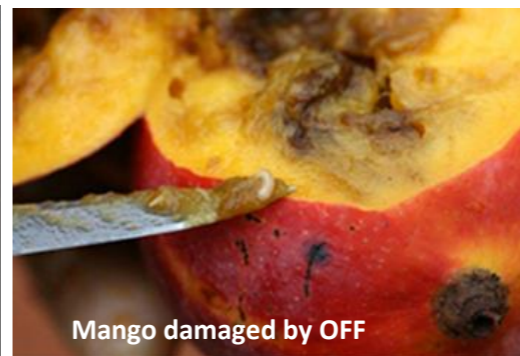


Advisory for farmers on the management of the Oriental fruit fly during the 2021/22 mango season

- ❑ The Oriental fruit fly (OFF) is a serious invasive fruit fly pest that has been reported in several crops, with mango as a major natural host.
- ❑ Owing to high volumes of rain experienced in most provinces of SA and in view of resultant increases in OFF populations and leaching of bait sprays, farmers are urged to adjust their bait spray applications in addition to applying Male Annihilation Technique (MAT) blocks (at the registered rates). Bait stations may be less prone to leaching if set up correctly.
- ❑ Growers must regularly collect and destroy or bury dropped fruit (sanitation).
- ❑ Growers are encouraged to use registered methyl eugenol baited traps to monitor the pest population numbers.
- ❑ A permit from the DALRRD is required to move host crops from OFF infested areas to areas where OFF is not present.



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