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## Shipping Fresh Citrus Fruit to Florida from Georgia for Grading, Packing, Grading, and Distribution for 2026

The groves will need to be inspected and found free of HLB, Sweet Orange Scab, Citrus Blackspot, and Citrus Canker. This inspection is to be carried out no more than 30 days prior to the harvest.

The grove owner will be responsible for paying the Plant Protection Division an inspection fee of \$75.00 for groves up to 25 acres and \$3.00 per acre for groves over 25 acres. The GDA Plant Protection Division will charge an extra \$200.00 late fee for growers who do not meet the registration deadline of Wednesday September 2, 2026.

All Growers who choose to participate in the program are encouraged to contact the Protection Division as soon as possible, but no later than September 2, 2026. This can be done by emailing [Arthur.Tatum@agr.georgia.gov](mailto:Arthur.Tatum@agr.georgia.gov) or calling the Tifton Office at (229) 386-3464.

When growers reach out to Plant Protection we will need:

- 1) The physical address of your grove
- 2) The varieties you intend to send
- 3) The business name of the packer(s) you intend to send fruit to
- 4) The Physical address and GPS coordinates of the actual packing house(s)
- 5) Name of the person of responsibility at the packing house(s), along with their phone number and email address

**\*\* Also, growers wanting to participate in this program will need to attend an instructional meeting on setting up a PCIT account to obtain the certificates needed to move fresh citrus into Florida for packing and sales. \*\***

Please only send fruit to packers in Florida who are under a compliance agreement with the USDA and FDACS to treat for Citrus Canker and other diseases!