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Medfly spraying may end Nov. 1 with coming of colder weather

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Federal and California officials may be able to end their aerial pesticide spraying campaign against the Mediterranean fruit fly by Nov. 1 because of the program's success and the coming of colder weather.

eradication of the Mediterranean fruit fly infestation in California.

The report by the department's Animal and Plant Health Eradication Service said aerial spraying of malathion is showing positive results.

"We do feel we're looking at the point where we can declare an end to this in the reasonably near future," said official Susan Hess.

In the crop-rich San Joaquin Valley, no flies or larvae have been found since Sept. 3. Four localized outbreaks outside the first three infested counties have been blamed on traveler's illegally taking fruit out of the quarantined areas, federal agriculture officials said.

Unless new discoveries of flies are reported, officials plan to stop treatment in the originally infested areas of Santa Clara, Alameda and San Mateo counties about Nov. 1, the status report said.

An end to the spraying depends on the California fall weather California Medfly Director Jerry Scribner said. "We're hoping for a mild fall. If it stays warm until mid-November, we've got a good chance of not having to spray next spring."

Scribner said, the life cycle of the fly will end if the winter is

early making continued spraying pointless.

"I'll wait until I hear from the technical committee Thursday, Scribner said. They are looking at the fly's life cycle and will give a recommendation for ending treatment."

The Agriculture Department report included indirect criticism of California Gov. Edmund "Jerry" G. Brown Jr., who ordered aerial spraying in July only after being threatened with a federal quarantine of the entire state.

The report said it was clear by last November the infestation was greater last November than could be handled by the availability of sterile flies used to mate with fertile flies to reduce the spread.

Local officials rejected a Dec. 5 announcement by the Agriculture Department to begin aerial spraying.

U.S. negotiators said they had persuaded the Japanese to relax a ban on imports of California produce, whether from a Medfly zone or not. Officials in Washington, D.C., said the multimillion-dollar shipments, mostly citrus, are now cleared for entry into Japan if properly treated.



Turning on the top

Fred Hollins completes a turn on the skateboard ramp on one wheel. Hollins, a sophomore mechanical engineering major, has been skating for seven years.

The skateboard ramp is located in Grove. Hollins said there is no skateboard club on campus now but some students are considering forming one.

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Not registering for draft may mean prosecution

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WASHINGTON — The Justice Department plans to notify young men who fail to register for the Selective Service that they may be prosecuted.

Failure to register carries a five-year jail term and \$10,000 fine. The decision was announced by department officials Tuesday.

"The attorney general made the decision we are going to prosecute these cases. Now it's a question of how we are going to prosecute," Associate Attorney General Rudolph Giuliani said.

Justice Department spokesman John Russell said the department

has formulated guidelines for prosecutors to use in registration cases. The guidelines, however, have not been sent to attorneys around the country, and Russell emphasized the Justice Department is months away from embarking on prosecutions.

"The purpose of the guidelines is to simply assure that we have identified those who are willfully refusing to comply with the law," said one department official who declined to be identified.

"And part of the thrust of the guidelines is that those who are willfully engaging in this conduct are identified."

"Our intention will quite likely be to enforce the law."

Registration, which officials said was running at 80 percent when initiated last year, slipped to less than 70 percent. Anti-draft activists estimate many as 800,000 young men will be liable for felony prosecution for failing to register.

Russell said the Selective Service will provide to U.S. attorneys and the FBI the names of those who have not registered.

The attorneys will send letters to those men informing them they are in violation of the Selective Service Act and will be prosecuted.

If there is no response, Russell said the government will seek a criminal indictment against the individual. The violation will be handled on a "case-by-case" basis, he said.

The Selective Service list to the Justice Department names of 134 young men who failed to register but Russell said the list has been reduced to 20 names. Among those taken off the list were two who had registered one case with insufficient evidence and 24 believed to be aliens.

Recently, the Selective Service system spent more than \$10 million to buy a professional mailing list aimed at students, to get young men of their legal status to register. Using the agency is sending parents high school students letters telling them that "if you have not registered and you are required to, you should go to a Draft Office and complete a registration form."

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