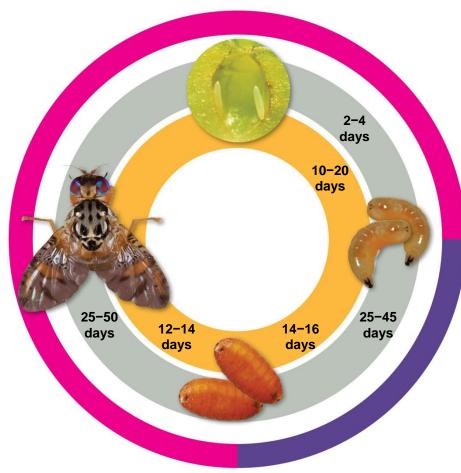
Don't let medfly ruin fruit







Medfly life stages

Female lay groups of 10–14 eggs under the skin of the fruit. (Females generally lay about 300 eggs during their life time!!)

The eggs hatch within a few days and the emerging maggots or larvae feed on the fruit pulp. Medfly maggots take 7–24 days to mature. Then they make their way to the surface of the fruit, drop to the ground and tunnel into the soil and pupate.

Adult flies emerge within 8–46 days forcing their way to the surface of the soil. The newly emerged adults require about 3–5 days to mature before they can lay eggs.

Treatments target growth stages

- bait and place traps
- pick up fallen fruit from ground and all ripe fruit from tree

Time of development according to the season

summer w

winter

The abundance of medfly depends on time of the year and on fruit growth stage and maturity of the plants they attack.





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