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**Open house to discuss pecan weevil quarantine set for Sept. 26 in Tularosa**

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LAS CRUCES, N.M. – The New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA) will host an open house in Tularosa Tuesday, Sept. 26 to address questions regarding the state’s Pecan Weevil Interior Quarantine Rule, which includes Otero County on the list of New Mexico’s pecan weevil-infested and quarantined counties. The open house is from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Tularosa Community Center, located at 1050 N. Bookout Rd.

As a result of confirmed pecan weevil infestations in Otero County and the increased possibility of transporting pecan weevil to uninfested pecan-growing counties, NMDA amended the state’s Pecan Weevil Interior Quarantine Rule by adding Otero County to the list of New Mexico’s pecan weevil quarantined counties. The amendments were adopted and became law on Nov. 8, 2022. The amendments primarily impact the movement of in-shell pecans grown in Otero County and transported to non-pecan weevil quarantined areas of New Mexico.

Anyone with questions or concerns regarding the movement of pecans grown in Otero County and transported to non-quarantined counties (free of pecan weevil) in New Mexico or Texas are encouraged to attend the open house. Information regarding the following topics will be presented:

- Pecan weevil biology
- Pecan weevil management
- Penalties for shipping in-shell pecans to pecan weevil-free counties without required documentation

Anyone unable to attend the Sept. 26 open house may email questions to [pecan@nmda.nmsu.edu](mailto:pecan@nmda.nmsu.edu) or call 575-646-3207. Anyone wishing to receive future pecan weevil updates should email [pecan@nmda.nmsu.edu](mailto:pecan@nmda.nmsu.edu).

Both the Pecan Weevil Interior Quarantine Rule and Pecan Weevil Exterior Quarantine Rule may be found on [the statutes and rules page of the New Mexico Department of Agriculture website](#).

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