

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 26-201

(Emergency Management – Extension and Amendment of Executive Order 26-33 – Impacts of Winter Weather, Droughts, Wildfire Risks, New World Screwworm, and Pasture Mealybug)

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2026, I issued Executive Order 26-33, declaring a major state of emergency in all sixty-seven counties in response to events impacting Florida’s agricultural industry; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2026, I issued Executive Order 26-117 to amend Executive Order 26-33 to add the presence of New World Screwworm (*Cochliomyia hominivorax*) to the conditions underlying the emergency; and

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2026, I issued Executive Order 26-163 to extend Executive Order 26-33, as amended, through October 6, 2026; and

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2026, I issued Executive Order 26-191 to amend Executive Order 26-33 to add the presence of pasture mealybug to the conditions underlying the emergency; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to continue to limit the potential impacts of pasture mealybug and New World Screwworm on Florida’s agricultural industry; and

WHEREAS, the lasting effects of severe winter weather and droughts also continue to impact Florida’s agricultural industry and have contributed to increased wildfire activity, thereby necessitating an extension of Executive Order 26-33, as amended, because recovery efforts and those affected by this disaster require the continued support of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, certain regulatory restrictions on the flow of agricultural commerce have the potential to significantly impact Florida's agricultural industry and to exacerbate current emergency conditions; and

WHEREAS, to support and protect the domestic food supply from threats caused by the impacts of the foregoing emergency conditions, it is necessary to provide temporary regulatory relief to ensure the continued flow of agricultural commerce on both an inter- and intrastate basis; and

WHEREAS, as Florida continues to respond to these and other events impacting the industry, immediate action is necessary to limit the impact resulting from certain regulatory restrictions on the flow of agricultural commerce; and

WHEREAS, as Governor of Florida, I am responsible for meeting the dangers presented to the State of Florida and its people by this emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, as Governor of Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Florida Constitution and by the Florida Emergency Management Act, as amended, and all other applicable laws, promulgate the following Executive Order to take immediate effect:

Section 1. Executive Order 26-33 is hereby amended to provide that the Executive Director of the Department of Revenue may waive restrictions on the purchase and use of dyed diesel fuel in chapter 206, Florida Statutes, and taxation thereof, to the extent necessary to permit additional purchases and uses for farming and agricultural activities by farmers or their employees and for the transportation of agricultural commodities, including transportation on public highways. Further, in exercising this authority, the Executive Director may suspend enforcement activities, including the imposition of penalties, that are not consistent with this order.

Section 2. The state of emergency and all provisions of Executive Order 26-33, as amended herein and by Executive Orders 26-117 and 26-191, are renewed for sixty (60) days following the date of this Executive Order.

Section 3. Except as amended herein, Executive Order 26-33, as previously amended, is ratified and reaffirmed.

Section 4. This Executive Order is effective immediately.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 6th day of October, 2026.



RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FL

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