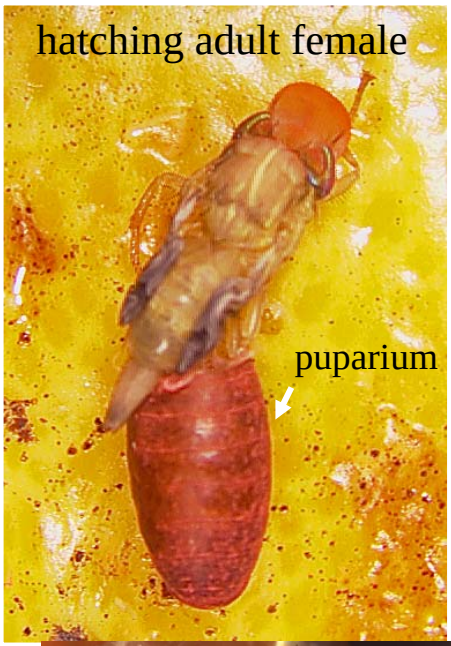
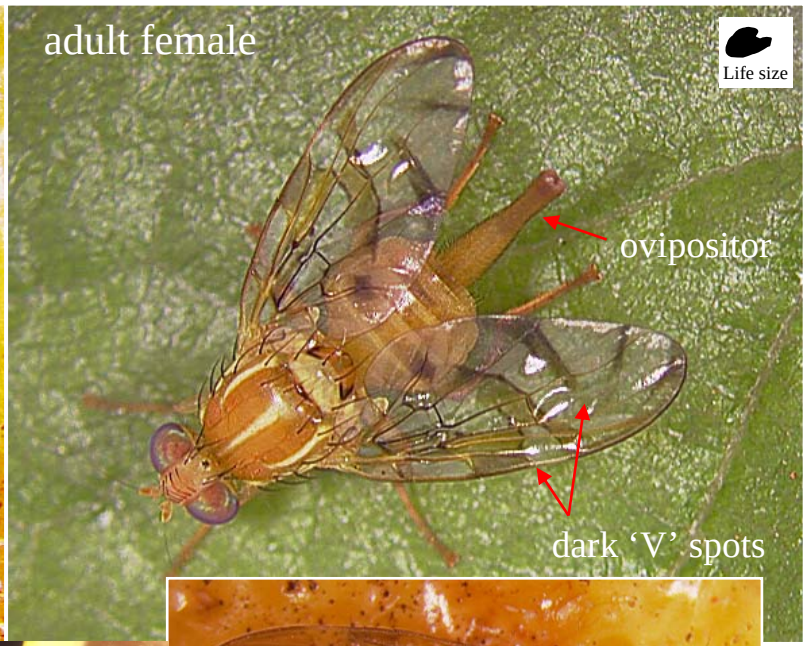
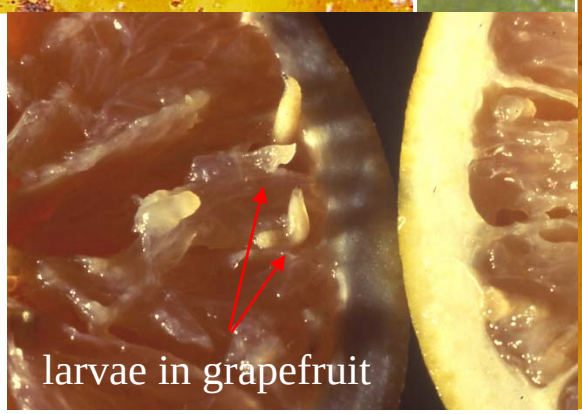
Mexican fruit fly (*Anastrepha ludens*)

- Native to Mexico; distributed also in Mesoamerica, northern South America, and the lower Rio Grande Valley area of southern Texas; has entered CA periodically. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) operates control and eradication programs in cooperation with State officials and with Mexico, in order to suppress the pest in northern Mexico.
- Hosts: Grapefruit; Orange; Peach; Pear; Apple; Apricot; White sapote; Mango; Avocado; Nectarine; Plum; Prune; Tangerine; as well as other fruits.
- Field ID: Adult about 8 mm long, with green eyes, transparent wings with distinctive '**V**' markings, and a yellowish-brown body with dark specks. Female has a very long (3.3-4.7 mm) telescopic ovipositor.