

USDA-APHIS-PPQ Butterfly Environmental Release Decision Chart

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	Danaus plexippus	Vanessa cardui	Vanessa virginiensis
Common Name / State	Monarch	Painted Lady	American Lady
Alabama	Yes**	Yes	Yes
Alaska	No	Yes	Yes
Arizona	No	Yes	Yes
Arkansas	Yes**	Yes	Yes
California	Yes**	Yes	Yes
Colorado	Yes**	Yes	Yes
Connecticut	Yes**	Yes	Yes
Delaware	Yes**	Yes	Yes
Florida %	Yes**	Yes	Yes
Georgia	Yes**	Yes	Yes
Hawaii	No	No	No
Idaho	Yes**	Yes	Yes
Illinois	Yes**	Yes	Yes
Indiana	Yes**	Yes	Yes
Iowa	Yes**	Yes	Yes
Kansas	Yes**	Yes	Yes
Kentucky	Yes**	Yes	Yes
Louisiana	Yes**	Yes	Yes
Maine	Yes**	Yes	Yes
Maryland	Yes**	Yes	Yes
Massachusetts	Yes**	Yes	Yes
Michigan	Yes**	Yes	Yes

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Minnesota	Yes**	Yes	Yes
Mississippi	Yes**	Yes	Yes
Missouri	Yes**	Yes	Yes
Montana	No	Yes	No
Nebraska	Yes**	Yes	Yes
Nevada	No	Yes	Yes
New	Yes**	Yes	Yes
New Jersey	Yes**	Yes	Yes
New Mexico	Yes**	Yes	Yes
New York %	Yes**	Yes	Yes
North Carolina	Yes**	Yes	Yes
North Dakota	Yes**	Yes	Yes
Ohio	Yes**	Yes	Yes
Oklahoma	Yes**	Yes	Yes
Oregon	Yes**	Yes	Yes
Pennsylvania	Yes**	Yes	Yes
Puerto Rico	No	No	No
Rhode Island	Yes**	Yes	Yes
South Carolina	Yes**	Yes	Yes
South Dakota	Yes**	Yes	Yes
Tennessee	Yes**	Yes	Yes
Texas	Yes**	Yes	Yes

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	Danaus	Vanessa	Vanessa
Common Name /	Monarch	Painted	American
Utah	Yes**	Yes	Yes
Vermont	Yes**	Yes	Yes
Virginia	Yes**	Yes	Yes
Washington %	Yes**	Yes	No
West Virginia	Yes**	Yes	Yes
Wisconsin	Yes**	Yes	Yes
Wyoming	Yes**	Yes	Yes
Washington DC	Yes**	Yes	Yes
Virgin Islands	No	No	No
Guam	No	No	No

This matrix determines the destination states where each of these butterfly species can be shipped INTERSTATE for release into the environment. The genetic stock for these species must originate in the continental United States and further restrictions may apply if indicated by one of the footnotes that follow. Interstate transport of these 3 species requires a USDA Plant Pest Permit. www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/permits/butterflies/index.html

** Danaus plexippus (=Monarch butterfly) must not cross over the Continental Divide for environmental release. The previous restriction on transporting monarchs was the 100th meridian rule. The 100th meridian is actually east of the Continental Divide.

