

Prevention Activities in Ganzhou City against Fire Ant Invasion

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On 14th Jun 2006, according to the Ganzhou Agriculture Branch, Ganzhou made an urgent prevention plan against fire ant invasions. All areas need to follow the following instructions: any imported plants (with soil) from outside of the city need to be rechecked and recorded by local prevention branches. If fire ants or ant-like species are found, it should be reported to the Agriculture Protection Prevention centre within 24 hours.

The fire ant is a highly dangerous pest insect. It is one of 100 of the world's most invasive alien species. Since last year, Longyan City (Fujian Province), Linzhou City (Hunan Province) and Lianping City (Guangdong) have been invaded by fire ants. Local people's lives were severely affected. Fire ants not only attack humans and animals but also disturb ecological balance, and damage crops and all sorts of infrastructure.