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CHMA Activity

Coordinated Area Spray for

Avon Park/Lake Letta; Lake Letta/Sebring; Bairs Den CHMA
(from Steve Farr CHMA Captain)

It has been approx. 6-7 weeks since the regional Dimethoate spray done in early September. The recommendation is to early November making a Coordinated Area Spray. Most growers are talking about using Mustang.

There will be 3 planes available to go during this time. The approximate cost should be less than \$11.00 per acre. If interested reply to Steve Farr and we can work it out, some of the growers on this e-mail list have participated in the past and will be contacted next week to get coordinated.

Also will be several contract ULV machines to do the more sensitive areas and will be available to be contracted at the same time.

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A Coordinated Area Spray is planned for the Central Highlands 17/27 CHMA.

The coordinated spray will take place during the month of November. The selected Mode of action for this spray will be an Organophosphate. If the use of an Organophosphate is not possible due to harvesting activities, a Neonicotinoid should be used as a substitute.

Coordinated Area Sprays are proven Effective

The main thing is to coordinate applications with your neighbors to minimize re-infestation of Psyllids moving from area to area. Research data and grower experience verify this fact. If you want to know more about your CHMA area go online to:

<http://www.crec.ifas.ufl.edu/extension/chmas/index.shtml>

Citrus Research Field Day

This is the last call to register for the Citrus Research Field Trial Day to be held at the CREC Research Center in Lake Alfred on Thursday, December 13, 2012.

Attached is a flier with the details. The program will begin at the UF-IFAS Citrus Research & Education Center in Lake Alfred at 7:30 AM and the buses will leave promptly at 8:15 AM. A sponsored lunch will be provided at the conclusion of the field day.

Pre-registration is required and limited to the first 200 people. Registration for the program begins on Aug. 15th. Registration instructions are included in the flier. Attendance will be limited.

Winter is approaching. Now is the time to plan!

I have heard from the experts that neutral El Niño conditions are firmly in place for this upcoming winter. Studies show that nearly all the severe freezes that have occurred since the late 1800s have occurred during neutral El Niño conditions.

FAWN Freeze Alert Text Message System

Again this year the Florida Agricultural Weather Network (FAWN) is providing a service tool to alert you when cold weather will occur that may require your making cold protection decisions. FAWN can help you maximize your cold protection program with the FAWN Freeze Alert Tool.

This tool will send to your computer, cell phone or iPad and alert message at whatever temperature you select to initiate cold protection. It will also provide an alert the following morning when the Wet-Bulb Based Irrigation Cutoff Temperature has been reached for your area. This is the safe cutoff temperature based on current FAWN conditions, indicating the temperature and dew point have risen above the threshold whereby you can turn off your irrigation without risk of super-cooling.

Click on: http://fawn.ifas.ufl.edu/freeze_alert/ for more information and how to register for the Freeze Alert System.

For more information on the Florida Agricultural Weather Network (FAWN) and the tools available to you for cold protection, click on: <http://fawn.ifas.ufl.edu/>

2012-13 Polk Winter Weather Watch – another grower resource

Chris Oswald, Polk County Extension Service Citrus Agent provides a Winter Weather Watch program will begin on November 15, 2012 and run through March 15, 2013. The cost of the program is \$100 for the season.

Retired Meteorologist, Fred Crosby provides forecast updates weekly during the winter and daily updates during periods of freezing temperatures.

Enclosed is an information sheet describing the Winter Weather Watch program and what is included, plus a registration form.

I would encourage you to utilize both the FAWN Alert Program and the Polk County Winter Weather Watch Program

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