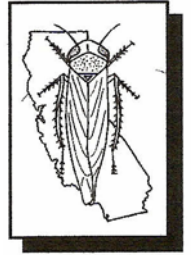


BEET CURLY TOP VIRUS WEEKLY REPORT



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Weekly Report for Week Ending November 5, 2012

Fall Treatment Campaign

The fall treatment campaign was concluded during the week. Treatments began in Kern County on Tuesday, October 16th and were concluded on October 31st in Fresno County. A total of 23,800 acres of Russian thistle and other summer host plants were treated to control beetle leafhopper (BLH) populations on the westside of the San Joaquin Valley.

Fresno County

From October 29th through October 31st, Program staff treated an additional 7,250 acres from the Coalinga Nose, north to the vicinity of Kamm Avenue and Interstate 5. During the treatment campaign, many fields were reduced in size or eliminated from treatment due to final surveys performed just prior to and during the treatment campaign. Many stands of Russian thistle were found to be stressing and drying with low BLH numbers; similar to conditions observed in Kern County.

A significant number of Russian thistle acreage was cultivated South of Mendota along Highway 33 during the month of September and October precluding the need for BLH treatment applications in those areas.

Kill checks performed 48 and 72 hours post treatment show a significant reduction in BLH populations in areas selected for treatment. A average of 90% reduction in BLH populations were observed during kill checks performed in Kern, Kings and Fresno Counties.

Fresno Facility

Program vehicles were cleaned and field equipment was stored following the treatment campaign.