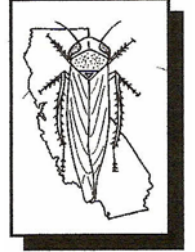


# BEET CURLY TOP VIRUS MONTHLY REPORT



## ***CURLY TOP VIRUS CONTROL PROGRAM***

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Report for December, 2016

### **Program-wide notice**

- The Beet Curly Top Virus Control Program (BCTVCP) conducted sweep surveys to monitor beetle leafhopper (BLH) populations and winter host vegetation surveys in December. With some precipitation sporadically occurring, filaree was the predominant host plant to emerge. In some areas, the filaree began to emerge, but then stressed and remained stunted due to the lack of consistent rainfall. Winter grasses were present in the majority of survey locations.
- Beet leafhopper counts were still very low throughout December. Non-target leafhoppers were more abundant. BLH counts were on average 0-1 BLH per 10 sweeps.
- Two (2) BLH samples were collected from Fresno County and sent for virus analysis. Both were negative for curly top virus.
- One (1) plant sample was collected from Fresno County and sent for virus analysis. It was negative for curly top virus.
- Two (2) BLH samples were collected from Kern County and sent for virus analysis. One (1) was positive for curly top virus and one (1) was negative.
- Two (2) plant samples were collected from Kern County and sent for virus analysis. Both were negative for curly top virus.
- Program personnel will continue to monitor areas for BLH and winter host plants, as weather permits.

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