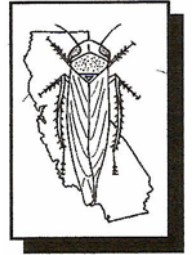


# BEET CURLY TOP VIRUS MONTHLY REPORT



## **CURLY TOP VIRUS CONTROL PROGRAM**

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Report for September 2018

### **Program-wide notice**

- In August, the Beet Curly Top Virus Control Program (BCTVCP) began mapping fallow fields with fall host plants for potential treatment. Waivers were sent to property owners mid-September. As property owners received waivers, some fallow fields were disked.
- Beet leafhopper counts were very low overall, with counts less than 1 adult BLH per sweep. Nymphs have been observed sporadically, in low numbers.
- Predominant fall host plant is Russian thistle. *Bassia* and goosefoot have been observed in isolated patches.
- Program staff monitored mapped fields weekly and adjusted the potential treatment acreage maps as needed. Acreage totals at the end of September were as follows:
  - Fresno County potential fall treatment acreage was 8,900 acres.
  - Kern County potential fall treatment acreage was 5,240 acres.
  - Kings County potential fall treatment acreage was 3,675 acres.
- Lygus has been observed in high numbers in sweep surveys in Fresno and Kings Counties.
- The Program is preparing for fall treatment if needed. Currently, BLH counts do not meet treatment thresholds.

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