BEET CURLY TOP VIRUS GROWER ALERT

CURLY TOP VIRUS CONTROL PROGRAM

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Program-Wide Notice

Beet Leafhopper Aerial Treatments Conducted in Coalinga Foothills

- As stated in the Grower Alerts dated April 8, 2021 and April 13, 2021 the Beet Curly Top Virus Control Program (BCTVCP) observed beet leafhopper (BLH) counts of 20-40 BLH per 10 sweeps in some areas of the western foothills southeast of Coalinga.
- With the help of industry growers, the BCTVCP was able to obtain permission to conduct aerial treatments on the fields identified in the April 13, 2021 Grower Alert.
- Additional fields in the Coalinga area, were identified as having high BLH counts and aerial treatments were conducted on Wednesday, April 14, and Thursday April 15. A total of 6,170 acres were treated in Fresno County and are identified on the map on page 2.
- There are a few areas in the western foothills in Fresno County that still have some green vegetation and will continue to be monitored by Program personnel, but for the most part, survey focus has shifted to the valley floor. Fallow fields and roadsides are being closely monitored and ground-rig spot treatments will be conducted, as needed.
- If any growers or pest control advisors have fallow fields or roadsides that they're concerned may be harboring BLH, please reach out to the BCTVCP. BCTVCP personnel will conduct surveys and determine if treatment is needed.

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