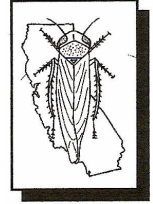


# BEET CURLY TOP VIRUS GROWER ALERT



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

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### **Program-Wide Notice**

#### **Aerial Treatments Planned for Coalinga Area Between April 12-16**

- The Beet Curly Top Virus Control Program (BCTVCP) staff conducting beet leafhopper (BLH) surveys in the western foothills near Coalinga have observed treatable counts of BLH. At this time, observed BLH counts are between 20-40 per 10 sweeps. To mitigate the spread of beet curly top virus (BCTV), the BCTVCP is planning to conduct aerial treatments in the foothills directly to the west, south, and southeast of Coalinga during the week of April 12-16.
- Currently, the foothills near Coalinga are the only region observing treatable counts of BLH in Fresno County. The BCTVCP will continue to monitor the western foothills in Fresno County.
- BLH counts in Kings County have continued to remain low. BLH host plant vegetation has dried out in the foothills, resulting in low counts of BLH. The BCTVCP will continue to monitor the western foothills until all host vegetation has fully dried out; at which time, the BCTVCP will shift focus and begin conducting BLH surveys in fallow fields and on roadside vegetation in the San Joaquin Valley.
- In Kern County, BLH surveys conducted by the BCTVCP in the western foothills have observed dry host vegetation and virtually no BLH activity; BLH counts averaging between zero-and-one (0-1) per 10 sweeps. Therefore, the BCTVCP does not anticipate the need to conduct aerial treatments in the western foothills in Kern County.

### **Additional Grower and PCA Resource**

- The BCTVCP welcomes any grower or PCA with potential BLH found on their sticky traps to reach out to the BCTVCP. The BCTVCP will verify the identity of any BLH and will send those samples to the California Department of Food and Agriculture

Pathology Lab to test for BCTV. If you have any questions, wish to schedule a sticky trap pick-up, or are requesting additional traps, please reach out to Samuel Krasnobrod at [samuel.krasnobrod@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:samuel.krasnobrod@cdfa.ca.gov) or (916) 823-1169.

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