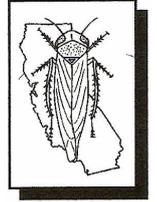


BEET CURLY TOP VIRUS CONTROL PROGRAM

GROWER ALERT

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Program-wide notice

May 2024

- Beet Curly Top Virus (BCTV) Control Program (Program) personnel have identified high beetle leafhopper (BLH) counts in Imperial County located from the Salton Sea to El Centro.
- BLH are concentrated on roadside vegetation from East of Hwy 111 to Northeast of Brawley and West of Hwy 111 to the North of Hwy 8.
 - Kloke Rd, Meloland Rd, E Holton Rd, Yourman Rd and Chell Rd. Roadside vegetation consisted of Goosefoot and Russian Thistle located near water canals. On May 21st, BLH averages were 25 per sweep net, with adults and nymphs present.
 - Loveland Rd, Forrester Rd, and Mc Nerney Rd located near Westmorland, CA. Roadside vegetation consisted of Goosefoot and Saltbush located near water canals. On May 21st, BLH averages were 33 per sweep net, with adults and nymphs present.
 - Hastain Rd, Rutherford Rd, Butters Rd, Fleming Rd, E Sinclair Rd, Blair Rd, and E McDonald Rd. Roadside vegetation consisted of Goosefoot and Saltbush located near water canals. On May 22nd, BLH averages were 32 per net sweep.
 - Brandt Rd, Gentry Rd, and Forrester Rd. Roadside Vegetation consisted of Goosefoot and Saltbush located near water canals. On May 22nd, BLH averages were 27 per sweep net, with adults and Nymphs present.
- Activity in fallow fields or removal of host vegetation may increase the likelihood of BLH displacement into neighboring commodity fields. This notice is to advise growers of the BLH presence detected in the survey completed May 22nd, to assist in monitoring the risks to fields and determine whether to clear the vegetation along canals and strongly consider coordination with adjacent fields when pursuing mitigation measures.

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