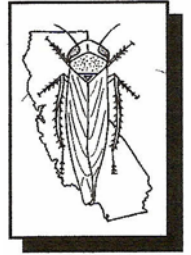


BEET CURLY TOP VIRUS WEEKLY REPORT



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Weekly Report for Week Ending October 21, 2012

During the first week of the fall treatment campaign, 15,000 acres of Russian thistle were treated from October 16th through October 21st in Kern, Kings and Fresno Counties.

Kern County

Treatments began in Kern County on Tuesday, October 16th, in the vicinity of Williams Pump Station where 2,850 acres of Russian thistle were treated by fixed wing aircraft. Fall treatments were completed on the 17th with the treatment of an additional 1,200 acres in the vicinity of Lost Hills. A total of 4,050 acres were treated in Kern County.

Windy conditions curtailed treatments on the second day of treatment. Much of the Russian thistle originally mapped was stressed, drying and had low beet leafhopper (BLH) numbers.

Kings County

Fall treatments in Kern County began on the 17th of October and were completed the 21st. Approximately 9,300 acres were treated to control BLH populations on Russian thistle in the vicinity of Utica and Interstate 5 and in Devils Den. Above normal temperatures curtailed treatment hours during 3 days.

Fresno County

Treatments began in Fresno County on the 21st of October with the treatment of 1,650 acres on the Coalinga Nose. The daytime temperatures were lower on the westside of the San Joaquin Valley during the last part of the week.