

BEET CURLY TOP VIRUS WEEKLY REPORT



CURLY TOP VIRUS CONTROL PROGRAM

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Weekly Report for Week Ending November 16, 2012

Fresno County

Host plant survey was conducted in the Tumey Hills and in Little Panoche area during the week. Survey in both areas found very dry conditions and no new vegetation from the most recent small storm systems. The only area where new vegetation was observed was along the east side of I-5 from Manning Avenue down to Three Rocks. There has been sufficient precipitation to stimulate germination in the flats but not on the steeper terrain on the west side of Interstate 5.

Kings County

Survey was performed through the Kettleman Hills. There is no germination of winter annual host plants as conditions remain very dry. It will take more precipitation to stimulate germination in rangeland habitat. Several fields treated during the fall campaign were surveyed. The BLH population remains low and static following post treatment counts last month.

Fresno Facility

Several more Program vehicles were given regular servicing and some minor repairs following the completion of the annual vehicle inspections. General maintenance on spray rigs was also performed.

Program staff is scheduled a trip to El Centro next week to conduct BLH and host plant surveys in the Imperial and Palo Verde Valleys.