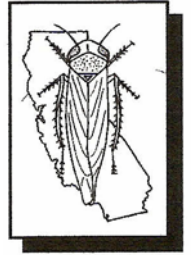


BEET CURLY TOP VIRUS WEEKLY REPORT



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Weekly Report for Week Ending July 20, 2012

Kern County

The conditions of host plants continue to generally decline most notably in areas where live stock grazing has occurred. BLH host plants appear to be seasonably normal in the non-grazed areas at Lost Hills and Kernridge.

BLH surveys continued to find small counts. In locations near Laval Road, conditions are dry and Russian thistle development remains spotty. BLH counts average less than 1 adult per single sweep. Other fallow fields in the area have similar conditions.

The cultivation of fallow fields continued along Southlake Road. Previous survey of these fields produced very low BLH counts.

Fresno and Kings Counties

With the addition of 2,500 acres mapped in Kings County during the week, all mapping has been completed in Fresno and Kings Counties. A total of 23,145 acres has been mapped in Kings County and 44,618 acres have been mapped in Fresno county.

Survey was conducted in several fields just west of Mendota. The fields consisted of Russian thistle and Goosefoot. The Goosefoot had high BLH counts averaging 70-80 per sweep while the Russian thistle averaged 3-4 per sweep. BLH counts consisted of 60% adults and 40% nymphs. Most of the Russian thistle surveyed has low counts but is expected to increase over the next couple of months. The Russian thistle seems to be growing well in most areas.

Tomato harvest has begun and it looks really good this year. It is hard to find any beet curly top virus symptoms.