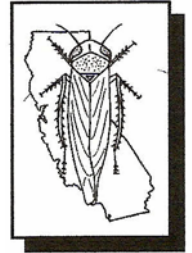


BEET CURLY TOP VIRUS MONTHLY REPORT



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Monthly Report for December 2012

Rain storms began in early December, and the annual winter vegetation has just begun to emerge. BCTV personnel began surveys and to monitor BLH numbers and migration patterns.

Kern County

BCTV crews surveyed areas in Taft. There are three employees that need to familiarize themselves with the area for the spring spray campaign. This area was still considerably dry.

Kings County

Young filaree has begun sprouting up in the Kettleman Hills. Sweeps in the first week of December produced an average of 8 BLH per 10 sweeps. BLH numbers decreased by the end of the month. Majority of the area remained relatively dry by mid- December.

Fresno County

Environmental Scientist, Rodney Clark, retired after 34 years of State service. Environmental Scientist, Jennifer Willems, will take over with Beet Curly Top Virus Control Program duties.

Surveyed areas of the west side were still dry, with a few inches of rain. Sparse vegetation is emerging, with Filaree being the more abundant host plant.

Fresno Facility

BTCV personnel conducted maintenance work on two ground spray rigs. Clean up around the facility and warehouse was also needed. Disposal of pesticide containers were taken to the recycle center.