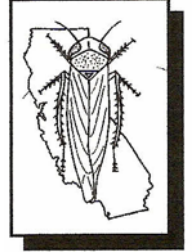


# BEET CURLY TOP VIRUS MONTHLY REPORT



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Report for May-August 2018

### **Program-wide notice**

- The Beet Curly Top Virus Control Program (BCTVCP) conducted ground rig spot treatment in Fresno, Kern and Kings counties. Pre-treatment BLH counts along roadsides and in some fallow fields were between 10-12 adults per sweep on average. Ground rig spot treatment was conducted during the month of May and June, as needed.
- Beet Leafhopper (BLH) counts have been very low during the summer months. Average counts throughout the summer have been 0-3 BLH per sweep. Counts have been inconsistent with mostly zero counts in each sweep set.
- Tomato fields appear to be doing very well with minimal curly top damage reported or observed by Program personnel.
- The San Joaquin Valley remained dry throughout the summer months. Some Russian thistle that had emerged in early summer has died off. Goosefoot and *Bassia* has had limited development.
- In some fallow fields, grazing has begun, further limiting BLH host plant development and BLH population development.
- Program personnel began mapping fall BLH host plants in August. Staff will use the mapped areas to prepare treatment waivers and prepare for the fall spray campaign. Waivers are expected to be sent the first week of September.

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