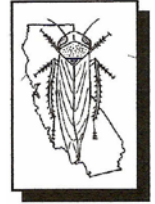


BEET CURLY TOP VIRUS GROWER ALERT



CURLY TOP VIRUS CONTROL PROGRAM

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Program-wide notice

- The Beet Curly Top Virus Control Program (BCTVCP) would like to notify growers and industry of the spring aerial treatment campaign anticipated to begin on April 10, 2019, weather permitting.
- Treatment will begin in Kings County in the Kettleman Hills and then move into Fresno County. Plans are in place to use two planes if needed to ensure the fields that are drying up rapidly get treated as soon as possible, weather permitting.
 - An estimated 5,000 acres will be treated in Fresno County.
 - An estimated 5,000 acres will be treated in Kings County.
 - An estimated 15,000 acres will be treated in Kern County.
- The Program would like to remind growers and PCA's that any fallow fields or weedy areas adjacent to susceptible crops should be inspected for BLH prior to disking or mowing. If a BLH infestation is present, please use an insecticide first. The Program can be available for BLH surveys and, if needed, treatment of fallow fields where BLH counts reach the treatment threshold.
- The BCTVCP was alerted to possible BLH on trap cards in the Huron area. The Program confirmed BLH on the trap cards. BLH counts were not in high numbers but were present. The BLH were most likely disturbed from a nearby orchard and/or fallow field with London rocket was being mowed and/or disked.