



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

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To: Citrus Nursery Stock Pest Cleanliness Program Participants

Subject: 2020/21 Program Fees, Application Timeline, and Laboratory Procedure Updates

The following is an update regarding program fees, application timeline, and laboratory procedures for the Citrus Nursery Stock Pest Cleanliness Program.

Except as noted below, all scion source trees that require disease testing during 2020/21 will be tested for tristeza (CTV), Huanglongbing (HLB), psorosis (CPsV), and viroids. All seed source trees that require disease testing during 2020/21 will be tested for HLB, CPsV, and leaf blotch (CLBV).

Program Fees and Application Timeline

To cover laboratory costs, the total laboratory fee for testing scion source trees will be \$107 per sample. The total lab fee for testing seed trees will be \$91 per sample.

These laboratory fees are included on the Application for Registration of Citrus Trees (Form 65-057, revised 10/20), along with the annual application fee, collection fee, and structure fee, in accordance with California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 3, Section 3701.8.

The application, Program agreement (3 CCR Section 3069), and corresponding fees must be submitted annually by participants. Fillable copies of both the application and Program agreement can be found on our website at: <http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/pe/nsc/nursery/citrus.html>.

Fees may be paid via check payable to “**CDFA 90012**”, and sent with completed paperwork to:

Cashier
Department of Food and Agriculture
1220 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Applications and fees must be received by the Program **prior** to collection of samples or inspections by Program staff.

Sample collection will begin in October and continue for approximately fifteen weeks. Any required resampling will be performed as needed beginning in February and testing results should be mailed to participants by mid-May.



While preparing test results reports, the Program will review the current year's applications and payments and will mail out adjusted billing or reimbursements to those participants where a correction is needed.

For nurseries participating in the Voluntary Pre-Quarantine HLB Sampling and Testing Program:

- We will be working with each nursery to try to prevent duplication of efforts and costs.
- Please notify program staff when contacted to discuss your individual situation and determine the best course of action for your nursery.
- Laboratory fees will be reduced for those samples that are not submitted by the program for HLB testing.
- Service fees will be charged for any additional samples collected by program staff.

Laboratory Procedure Updates

To streamline sampling, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Plant Pest Diagnostics Center (PPDC) will process all seed and scion samples collected between October 1, 2020 and January 31, 2021. After January 31, 2021, CDFA's PPDC will continue to test for HLB; while the Citrus Clonal Protection Program (CCPP) with the University of Riverside will test samples for CTV, CPsV, viroids, and CLBv.

CDFA's PPDC, CCCP and the University of Riverside have been working together closely to ensure that quality and efficiency are maintained during this transition. The agencies will continue to manage a joint quality control program to ensure accurate test results.

To address any questions regarding the new laboratory procedures and testing fees, CDFA will hold a webinar on Friday, October 16, 2020 from 1:00 to 2:00 pm. See details outlined below to participate.

Citrus Laboratory Procedure Updates

Meeting Date: October 16, 2020

Time: 1:00PM – 2:00PM

Location: 2800 Gateway Oaks Drive, Room 101, Sacramento, CA 95833

GoToWebinar Meeting Webinar Link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8480402753248634896>

To view system requirements: <https://support.goto.com/webinar>

If you need reasonable accommodations as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act or if you have questions regarding the public meeting, please contact Michael Paule at (916) 654-0435. Requests for reasonable accommodations should be made no later than three days prior to the meeting.

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Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Nursery, Seed, and Cotton Program at (916) 654-0435 or nurseryservices@cdfa.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Juan Koponen', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Juan Koponen
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