

Avocado thrips (*Scirtothrips perseae*)

- ❑ Native of Mexico; now widespread in So CA.
- ❑ Hosts: Avocado (*Persea* spp.); adult and immature stages are observed on upper leaf surfaces. Feeding damage aesthetic; bronzing on upper and lower leaf surfaces, and 'alligator skin' in fruit.
- ❑ Field ID: Adult less than 1 mm long, slender, **straw yellow with thin dark lines on upper surface of abdomen**, with fringes of long hairs on brown wings. Larva pale yellow.



damage on fruit