



ACP Newsletter

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Area-wide Treatment Strategy for Winter

The members of the San Diego County ACP Task Force met recently and discussed the ongoing importance of coordinated area-wide treatments. Winter treatments play a key role in keeping the ACP populations as low as possible.

The first two weeks of February are targeted for the winter treatment spray schedule. This year, rather than encouraging the use of any specific material, growers are encouraged to confer with their PCA's for recommendations. For conventional growers there are several effective materials. Organic growers also have several good materials to use. The main concern is a timely and coordinated schedule of treatment in early February. If you plan to use helicopter or ground spray services get in touch with the companies right away to schedule and get your materials ready.

In the past regional grower meetings were held prior to the area-wide treatments. That will not happen this time as most all growers are well aware of the ACP/HLB threat and understand the need for treatments. Make sure to take into account possible adverse weather conditions at this time of year. That will make the coordinated effort more challenging. We will just have to work around it if we get rain at that time of year.

Please take advantage of the San Diego County Farm Bureau website library of ACP/HLB links at www.sdfarmbureau.org for the latest news and research found under the ACP/HLB tab on the home page.

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