



ACP Newsletter

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Area-wide Treatment Strategy for Fall

The members of the San Diego County ACP Task Force spoke recently and discussed the ongoing importance of coordinated area-wide treatments. The late summer early fall treatment period is almost here and it is time to prepare for the next treatment.

The last two weeks of July and into the first week of August is the ideal time to be injecting a systemic product through the irrigation system or applying a systemic as a drench (July 20 to Aug 7). Organic growers will need to inspect flush for ACP populations and treat sometime in late August or early September. As of now ACP populations are still low on the summer flush with many trees having 0-5 nymphs and eggs per flushing terminal. Growers are encouraged to confer with their PCA's for recommendations. For conventional growers there are several effective materials (imidacloprid and thiamethoxam). Organic growers also have several good materials to use. The main concern is a timely and coordinated schedule of treatment. Some growers will be doing a systemic application in late summer and then a foliar application in early fall if large populations of ACP are present on the flush. 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.

Alan Washburn (Riverside Co.) and Dr. Frank Byrne (UCR) have done some trial work with CaTS and KTS (calcium products) and have found that a pre-treatment with one of these products increases uptake of imidacloprid in poor soil conditions.

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. You can also find applicators licensed to do treatments for ACP on the website.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact the County ACP Coordinator Enrico Ferro at 951-334-7611 or ferroe@inbox.com.

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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.

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