

Response Plan for the detection of the Asian Citrus Pysllid (ACP) in Tulare County

In response to the ACP detections in the communities of Lindsay, Strathmore, and Terra Bella in Tulare County, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), and the Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner are taking an interim, deliberative approach in determining if there is an established ACP population. This approach has been chosen because there is a potential pathway for “hitch-hiking” ACP from southern California quarantine areas along the Highway 65 corridor. The current approach will be re-evaluated in six months or sooner if additional ACP is detected in the area. The response plan includes the following elements:

- **Restricted Area**
 - To prevent the artificial spread of ACP, CDFA will use statutory authority to restrict the intrastate movement of ACP host material out of a defined area up to 5-miles around each current ACP detection site in the Lindsay, Strathmore, and Terra Bella communities. See the Restricted Area maps at http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/PE/InteriorExclusion/acp_restrictedareas.html for further details.
 - The USDA will restrict the interstate movement of ACP host material from areas within five miles of a detection site.
 - Citrus fruit must be free of stems and leaves before moving out of the Restricted Area.
- **800 meter Eradication Areas around detection sites**
 - CDFA will establish an 800 meter Eradication Area around each ACP detection site. See the Tulare County Eradication Area maps at http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/PE/InteriorExclusion/acp_restrictedareas.html for further details.
 - Within the Eradication Area CDFA will apply mandatory treatments to citrus trees on residential and non-agricultural commercial properties.
 - Citrus growers inside the Eradication Area will apply treatments to all commercial citrus acreage as part of the Grower Treatment Program.
 - The county agricultural commissioner will use statutory abatement authority on any commercial citrus acreage that is not treated.
 - CDFA may reconsider mandatory treatments on residential and non-agricultural commercial properties within the eradication zone if there is not full participation of growers in the Grower Treatment Program.
 - A Grower Treatment Coordinator will be utilized to assist growers with the treatment program, ensuring that the treatments are properly coordinated and timed, and that growers are aware of the University of California Integrated Pest Management (IPM) treatment recommendations.
- **Delimitation and survey**
 - CDFA will increase delimitation trapping and visual survey activities in the nine square miles around each detection location.
- **Science and Technology**
 - CDFA will work with the California Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Committee's Science and Technology sub-committee to:
 - Evaluate and implement a pre-harvest treatment option to facilitate the intrastate movement of fruit with stems and leaves out of the Restricted Area to approved receivers.
 - Re-evaluate safeguarding restrictions for Mandarin oranges.
 - Evaluate organic treatments to determine their efficacy as part of an eradication program for ACP.
 - Coordinate with the Pierce's Disease Control Program on the use of effective IPM practices against both the ACP and Glassy-winged Sharpshooter.

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