Florida Citrus Advanced Technology Program

QUARTERLY & FINAL REPORTS: Control of Citrus Greening, Canker & Emerging Diseases of Citrus

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WHAT IS THE "HEADLINE" FOR THIS REPORT (e.g. a one-sentence "newspaper headline" describing what you accomplished)

Extension Service 'Low Volume Sprayer Rodeo' evaluates application equipment.

TITLE and CONTACT INFORMATION

Proposal Title Citrus Grower Educational Program and Technical Field Assistance

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REPORT UPDATE (650 words; provide details about your headline)

The citrus agents have been actively involved in the development and conducting the 'Low Volume Sprayer Rodeo' in Lake Placid (Sept. 15) and Haines City (Sept. 16). The purpose of the event was to allow growers the opportunity to determine if equipment currently being used effectively meets the 90 micron size for sprayer droplet size distribution as indicated on selected product labels. Equipment could be adjusted and retested as needed during the event. These events allow more than 45 different pieces of equipment to be tested during the two-day event. USDA faculty from Texas assisted in conducting the event using their equipment. This event was free to participating growers. Data collected from the events will be presented at upcoming programs by the citrus agents in October.

Agents have been active in making, conducting and/or providing presentations at local grower meetings and the Citrus Expo. These meetings are to enhance knowledge in one or more of the areas regarding: a) field surveying for greening; b) psyllid management; c) grower experiences in greening and psyllid management; d) conducting trials; e) Master Gardener training including greening and canker; and, f) presenting at and attending professional meetings. Additionally, 68 grower visits were conducted to discuss various management practices along with numerous citrus newsletters being distributed all aimed at enhancing practice adoption and knowledge gain.

To enhance knowledge and make information readily available, the agents effective utilize their 'citrus agents' website as a tool to post presentations for greater access and dissemination to a wider audience. During the last three (3) months their newsletters have had 27,281 downloads, greening symposium had 11,362 views and 100,089 website hits.