CITRUS ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

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

▶ INSTRUCTIONS

(●) *Quarterly Report* ( ) *Annual Report* ( ) *Final*

Required: What is the "headline" for this report (e.g. a one-sentence "newspaper headline" describing what you accomplished)

Test site to receive HLB resistance mapping planting

Proposal Title

A secure site for testing transgenic and conventional citrus for HLB and psyllid resistance

Today's Date	Sponsoring Organization (drop-down)	Category (drop down)
1/10/11	Citrus Research and Development Foundation	Transgenic/Metagenomic Mediation of Resistance

REPORT UPDATE (500 words; summarize your accomplishments)

As proposed, a transgenic test site has been prepared at the USDA/ARS USHRL Picos Farm in Ft. Pierce. The first trees have been in place for more than eleven months.

Answers have been provided to numerous questions from regulators to facilitate field testing approval. Cooperators have been made aware that the site is ready for planting. Dr. Jude Grosser of UF has provided 300 transgenic citrus plants expressing genes expected to provide HLB/canker resistance, which have been planted in the test site. USHRL has a permit approved from APHIS to conduct field trials of their transgenic plants at this site, with several hundred transgenic rootstocks in place. An MTA is in place to permit planting of Texas A&M transgenics produced by Erik Mirkov.

More than 120 citranges, from a well-characterized mapping population, and other trifoliate hybrids (+ sweet orange standards) have been propagated for a replicated trial in collaboration with Fred Gmitter of UF and are growing well in the greenhouse. These will be planted in the spring of 2011, and monitored for CLas development and HLB symptoms. Data from this trial should provide information on markers and perhaps genes associated with HLB resistance, for use in transgenic and conventional breeding. A proposal is being prepared that would provide high density mapping of this material to provide tighter mapping of linked resistance loci.

Alphascents provided an experimental pheromone attract/kill product Malex to disrupt citrus leaf miner (CLM). Our experience suggests CLM may significantly compromise tree growth where insecticides are avoided to permit ready transfer of Las by psyllids. CLM damage also compromises ability to view HLB symptoms. Unfortunately, this product had little effect on leaf miner. The decision has been made to apply Admire this fall to encourage an undamaged flush on transgenic trees. We are still learning how to grow trees for best assessment of HLB-resistance.

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SUBMIT REPORT

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