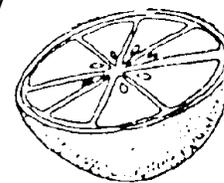




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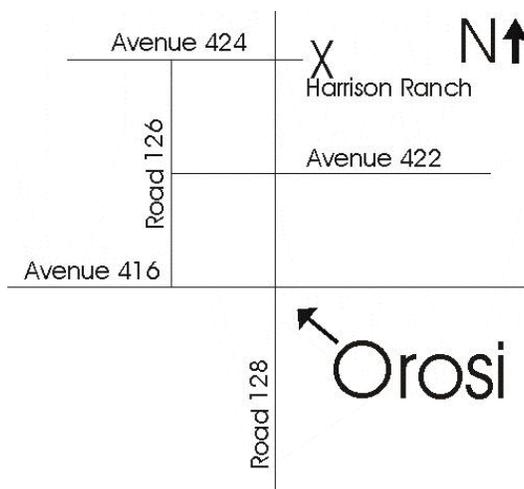
Citrus Field Meeting Tuesday, September 30 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Harrison Ranch Orosi

Field monitoring of *Aphytis melinus* the primary parasite of California Red Scale will be demonstrated in a commercial citrus orchard during this meeting. Effective use of this technique enables the grower and pca to estimate the level of parasite activity and the resulting suppression of red scale and if the parasite activity is adequate for that point in the season. Cool wet conditions this Spring appear to have been conducive to a substantial increase in populations of Citricola Scale. The reproductive potential of this pest is great, and as a result populations are a concern at this time.

Field monitoring of Citricola Scale will be demonstrated including recommended treatment threshold densities for the fall and spring periods. Treatment options for Citricola Scale will be outlined as well. Effective monitoring for parasite activity of red scale, and monitoring for citricola scale are critical components in an integrated pest management program in citrus. This orchard is one of 10 currently being monitored under a citrus integrated pest management demonstration project funded by the Citrus Research Board and conducted by Dr. Beth Grafton Cardwell and Neil O'Connell.

The meeting will be held at the Harrison Ranch in east Orosi. To reach the location go east from Road 128 on Avenue 424 . Continue past the end of the pavement another 200 yards.

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Attention Tulare County Citrus Producers

Citrus Dollar Plan Pilot Crop Insurance Program Assessment

In an effort to obtain feedback from producers, insurance personnel and other interested parties regarding the current Citrus Dollar Plan Pilot Insurance Program, AgriLogic, Inc., on behalf of USDA's Risk Management Agency, will be holding listening sessions in Tulare County. This pilot crop insurance program has been offered to navel orange producers since 2001.

Plan to attend: Two producer meetings that have been scheduled: one in Exeter and one in Porterville. The purpose of these meetings is to develop a recommendation to 1) terminate the program, 2) or modify the program, or 3) or make the program permanent. The future of this risk management product depends heavily on the suggestions, complaints, and/or opinions voiced during the meetings.

Exeter Meeting

Producers:

October 8, 2003, 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Exeter Veterans Memorial Building, 324 N Kaweah, Exeter.

Industry Representatives:

October 8, 2003, 10:30 - 12:00 p.m.

Exeter Veterans Memorial Building, 324 N Kaweah, Exeter.

For insurance industry (agents and adjusters), crop association representatives, University and Extension personnel, and all other interested parties.

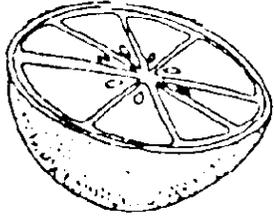
Porterville Meeting

Producers:

October 8, 2003, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Porterville Veterans Memorial Building, 1900 W Olive, Porterville.

Refreshments will be served. To R.S.V.P., please call toll-free **877-245-6442 x 8130** or respond by e-mail to npitts@agrilogic.com.



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