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Kern/Tulare

# GWSS Update



A project of the Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Task Force of Kern and Tulare Counties. Participants: Agricultural Commissioner Offices of Kern and Tulare Counties, California Department of Food and Agriculture, University of California Cooperative Extension, U.S. Department of Agriculture (APHIS and ARS Divisions).

## Free leafhopper tape available from Kern Ag Commissioner's office

The Kern County Agricultural Commissioner's Office and the California Department of Food and Agriculture have more than 50 rolls of 1,500-feet long, non-toxic, 6-inch wide, UV-resistant yellow leafhopper tape available for immediate distribution.

The hopper tape was purchased initially for distribution to grape growers for early detection of glassy-winged sharpshooters in Delano and the Highway 65 ar-

eas along citrus-grape interfaces.

The surplus is now available to anyone interested. It's an excellent tool for monitoring grape leafhoppers and GWSS.

Now is the time to place the tape in the vineyard.

Please contact David Elms at (661) 301-8243 or Rob Wegis at (661) 868-6300 for more information.

—Jennifer Hashim  
UCCE Viticulture Farm Advisor

## Kern sets April 3 as citrus bloom date for areas north of 7th Standard Road

Agricultural Commissioner, Theodore K. Davis, announced that 12:01 a.m., Thursday, April 3, 2003 was the date establishing the 10 percent bloom stage for all citrus North of 7<sup>th</sup> Standard Road.

This establishes the beginning of a time period when the use of insecticides is greatly restricted in citrus groves to enable bees to work the citrus blossoms and reduce the potential of serious pesticide damage to the bees.

All citrus growers, pest control operators and beekeepers must comply with the regulations covering the citrus/bee protection areas.

Historical data shows that, on average, the declaration of bloom north of 7<sup>th</sup> Standard Road lasts approximately 23 days. However, the actual end of bloom for 2003 will be announced by the agricultural commissioner.

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• [www.co.kern.ca.us/  
farm/luvivi.htm](http://www.co.kern.ca.us/farm/luvivi.htm)

## GWSS/PD workshop held April 22 in Napa

Registrations are being accepted for the Glassy-winged Sharpshooter/Pierce's Disease Workshop being held April 22 at the Embassy Suites in Napa, Calif.

The registration fee is \$75, and includes lunch.

For more information, call Carol Lerner at UC Riverside at (909) 787-5089 or e-mail [carol.lerner@ucr.edu](mailto:carol.lerner@ucr.edu).

Continuing credits for PCAs will be available.

The agenda for the workshop is posted at [www.ucbugdr.ucr.edu](http://www.ucbugdr.ucr.edu).