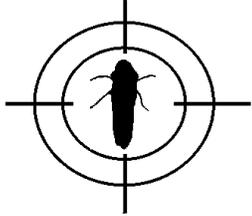


**Kern-Tulare**

# **GWSS Update**



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## **Kern's citrus bloom date declared for April 2**

The date establishing the 10 percent bloom stage for all citrus south of Seventh Standard Road in Kern County has been declared for Tuesday, April 2, 2002 at 12:01 a.m., Kern County Agricultural Commissioner Ted Davis announced Thursday.

The citrus bloom date establishes the start of when insecticide use is greatly restricted in citrus groves. This enables bees to work the citrus blossoms and reduces the potential of serious pesticide damage to bees.

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

The declaration is important to citrus growers in the GWSS area-wide management program because foliar knockdowns must take place before the declaration of citrus bloom.

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## **Traps deployed in all four zones of area-wide GWSS management program**

Trapping for GWSS has begun throughout all four area-wide management zones (North, Central, South and West). Each zone is covered by a blanket of traps deployed ever quarter-mile. Currently, approximately 4,000 traps have been deployed; they are serviced weekly by an agricultural inspector.

Trapping results soon will be available in the familiar "hot/cold radar mapping" style used by the General Beale Road Pilot Project. Look for the new area-wide management maps to be posted on the Kern County Web site in the near future.

Early trapping results show very low levels of GWSS in limited locations within the Central, South and West zones. The North zone, however, has shown a light level of GWSS generally distributed throughout the zone. Out of 825 traps deployed within the North zone, 152 have captured GWSS, with an average of 7.7 GWSS per trap.

These results are consistent with expectations based on observations made last year. A sustained high population of GWSS in the North zone area last year prompted affected growers to request an area-wide management approach based on techniques learned in the General Beale Road Pilot Project.

Trapping will continue throughout the year, and will be used in conjunction with survey crews to help determine treatment thresholds.

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