

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).

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Tulare County continues to pursue GWSS

The Tulare County GWSS/PD program continues to monitor for and treat GWSS as the insect rears its ugly head.

All ornamental planting within 300 yards of the Odwalla juice plant has been treated with Merit and Sevin. The plum orchard south of the plant, and the vineyard and nectarines to the east, have been treated by the growers in an effort to head off any possible spread from the juicing facility. The areas to the north and west are open ground.

As anticipated, the "Porterville" and "Ducor" infestation areas have merged along the eastern foothills. That leaves us with one large quarantine area from just north of Strathmore to the county line, and the Terra Bella quarantine area. These two

areas are presently under review by CDFA to determine final quarantine boundaries for the coming navel orange harvest season.

If you think you have found GWSS, we need to know about it! Only by accurately identifying infested areas can we make reasonable decisions about how to proceed in the future. If you have a captured specimen, or GWSS on sticky tape or in traps, please contact your local Agricultural Commissioner's Office.

For those in Tulare County, your contacts for GWSS identifications are Dennis Haines or Daniel Bigham at (559) 685-3323.

— Dennis Haines, Tulare County
Agricultural Commissioner's Office

A closer look at Kern County's GWSS/PD activities

Here is a brief update on some of the activities the Kern County Department of Agriculture and Measurement Standards has been overseeing within the overall GWSS/PD research/control program:

- Trapping south of Seventh Standard Road – One-quarter-mile grid for all citrus, vitus and prunus. Approximately 2,106 traps (exclusive of General Beale Road Pilot Project).
- Trapping north of Seventh Standard Road — Agricultural areas that interface with cities, riparian areas, citrus not trapped by CDFA, wineries and packing houses – Approximately 400 traps.
- Trapping and surveying city of Bakersfield, Wasco, McFarland, Shafter, Delano, Arvin and Lamont – Approximately 640+ traps.
- Surveying commercial crops when trap finds point to GWSS populations. Conducting post application surveys.
- Trapping and inspecting nurseries.
- Inspecting shipments of incoming and outgoing plant material.

- Taking enforcement actions, such as issuing abatements and notifications.
- GPS-GIS mapping and Web site maintenance.
- Enforcing and overseeing regulations related to commodity movement.
- Managing the bulk citrus and bulk grapes programs. Issuing compliance agreements, issuing certification tags, monitoring harvest activities.
- Issuing Compliance Agreements to participants and issuing reimbursements for authorized applications.
- Monitoring authorized application for compliance with California laws and regulations.
- Conducting outreach programs for nurseries, maintenance gardeners, homeowners, pest control businesses and industry.
- Assisting and advising with meetings, committees, development of GWSS related regulations.

— Darin Heard, Kern County Department of
Agriculture and Measurement Standards

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New Internet address for GWSS maps

Maps for the Kern Pilot Project and Areawide Management Program are now available at:

<ftp://chiba.netxn.com/pub/agcom/gwss/fromCDFA>