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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).

Tulare County to begin urban GWSS treatments

The quarter-mile trapping grid is in place as far north as Highway 198. There are still a few technical issues to resolve before you'll see them posted on the Web site, but progress is being made. The maps detailing where trap finds are being made are now available at <http://www.cdffa.ca.gov/phpps/pdcp/gwMaps/gwmaps.htm>. This site gives you access to both the Kern and Tulare County projects.

Nothing has really changed from last week. The areas where GWSS are being found in significant numbers continue to be those adjacent to northern Porterville and the area south of Ducor, east of Highway 65.

On Tuesday, May 20, we will be starting treatments in the urban areas of north Porterville with Merit. As has already been noted, both the commercial plantings and urban ornamentals in this area are infested with GWSS.

By treating the urban properties now (prior to the commercial treatments), we hope to have imidacloprid in place to catch movement from the groves. We also hope to curtail reinfestation.

Surveys will also be conducted at the Porterville Developmental Center (an urban

setting surrounded by citrus), Terra Bella and Ducor in preparations for treatments in these areas too. Our goal is to establish a program of urban treatments to compliment the expected comprehensive commercial program set to start in the near future.

Commercial field surveys are set to begin next week using CDFA and USDA personnel. These surveys will confirm GWSS populations identified through the quarter-mile trapping grid, and establish priorities for the commercial treatment program.

As always, we are still actively looking for GWSS in all uninfested areas of the county. It is critical that we get a handle on new flare-ups as quickly as possible. Your help is needed! If you place yellow hopper tape at the edge of your vineyards and catch any insects you think might be GWSS, please give us a call at (559) 685-3323. We will respond to all such contacts and help you determine whether you have GWSS or not.

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— Dennis Haines, Tulare County
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- www.co.kern.ca.us/kernag/
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PD Advisory Task Force to meet

The Pierce's Disease Advisory Task Force will meet Tuesday, May 20 at 10 a.m. in Sacramento. For more information and a copy of the agenda, visit:

<http://www.cdffa.ca.gov/phpps/pdcp/gwTFMeet.htm>