Grove: Assisted DPI in surveys of groves, particularly lemon groves in Collier & Hendry counties.

Residential: Surveyed over 11,000 properties in Immokalee and Golden Gate Estates.

Multiple Pest Surveys statewide.

Provided CBS training materials to APHIS Fruit Fly Detection personnel for use when servicing processing plants statewide that receive fresh fruit.

For 10/11 season, APHIS will join DPI in surveying for CBS to delimit the disease distribution and establish the quarantine area.

Assigned APHIS personnel to all 17 processing plants statewide that receive fresh fruit.

Assisted DPI Pathologists in training of processing plant employees for around-the-clock detection of CBS on arriving fruit.

Issued Emergency Action Notifications (EAN's) to growers within 1-mile arc of all CBS finds and to processors receiving whole fruit from any multiblock within 1-mile arc.

EAN's identified regulated grove blocks, required tarping of fruit moved out of regulated area, and required cleaning and disinfection of trailers hauling fruit.
• EAN’s will be reissued soon and will remain in effect until a Federal Order is issued, a formal quarantine is established and producers, packers and processors are placed under Compliance Agreements
• Tarping from CBS-regulated groves to processors (or packers) will continue to be required, as will cleaning and disinfection of trailers with proper destruction of debris

• Regulatory Control
  • APHIS has completed a Pest Risk Assessment (PRA) for CBS designed to identify safeguarding measures to facilitate safe movement of fruit from a CBS quarantine area
  • The PRA concludes that fresh and dried fruit is not a pathway for the movement and establishment of Citrus Black Spot

• Regulatory Control
  • PRA currently undergoing peer review and cannot be used as a basis for long-term regulatory strategy until the formal review is complete
  • Current completion estimate: October
  • APHIS Administrator Cindy Smith recently visited groves in Collier County and understands the urgency of finalizing the regulatory framework for CBS before the harvest season

• Regulatory Control
  • In the meantime, we are in the process of developing interim safeguarding measures designed to accommodate producers in the regulated area who wish to harvest early-season fruit
  • Goal: Finalize interim safeguarding measures by September 16

• Regulatory Control
  • Interim measures will outline conditions to facilitate the safe interstate movement of fresh citrus from the CBS-regulated area
  • Possible interim measures
    • Field treatments for CBS
    • Preharvest survey within 30 days of harvest (CBS tolerant)
    • Commercial packing with grading/culling and disinfection
    • Postharvest inspection by APHIS
    • Limited distribution to non-citrus producing states only

• Regulatory Control
  • Export of fruit from a CBS-quarantine area
    • Japan
      • Considers CBS a pest of major quarantine significance but requires no special risk mitigation
      • APHIS will inspect fruit from CBS-regulated areas only
      • Will incinerate fruit if CBS lesions are found
    • European Union
      • Fruit from CBS-regulated area prohibited to EU at this time
      • No changes in export requirements of fruit to EU from other parts of Florida
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- Regulatory Control
  - REALITY: Movement of fruit from a CBS regulated area as well as how that area is defined are both highly charged political issues
  -APHIS must ensure that all actions it takes are scientifically valid and supportable in a court of law, as they are likely to be challenged

Thank you!