Promising Research Findings in HLB Nutritional Therapy and what appears to be working

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Orange Hammock Grove

- 400 acres planted 1992
- Hamlin (125 ac) & Valencia (275 ac)
- Rootstocks Swingle & Carrizo
- Spacing: 22’ x 12’ (165 trees/acre)
- Flatwoods bedded grove
- Two row beds
- Maxijet emitters
- Psyllid control sprays aerial
- Dry ground applied fertilizer
- Foliar applied nutritionals & SARs


Spring 2006


February 29, 2012


January 8, 2013

Orange Hammock Grove Production

Season		Hamlin				Valencia		
	Boxes	Lb. slds/bx	Bx/ac	Avg.	Boxes	Lb. Slds/bx	Bx/ac	Avg.
2012-13	79,554	5.74	655	**589 lb**				**463 lb**
2011-12	72,697	5.62	599	**(26.5 t)**	87587	6.37	514	**(20.8 t)**
2010-11	70,996	5.67	586		74,223	6.36	436	
2009-10	54,942	5.52	453		70,660	6.43	415	
2008-09	87,938	5.67	725		75,580	6.63	444	
2007-08	73,671	6.14	608		105,045	6.64	617	
2006-07	65,495	5.73	540		68,791	7.10	404	
2005-06	65,981	5.49	544		69,423	7.36	408	
2004-05	73,381	6.00	605	**569**	86,104	7.22	506	**460**
2003-04	83,403	4.97	688	**(25.6 t)**	107,933	6.56	634	**(20.7 t)**
2002-03	65,004	5.17	536		76,911	6.15	452	
2001-02	66,565	5.33	549		80,376	6.23	472	
2000-01	67,425	5.39	556		57,659	5.89	339	
1999-00	58,206	5.21	480		61,602	6.51	362	


Orange Hammock Grove
Mature trees
100 trees
Valencia/Swingle
Carrizo
Young trees
100 trees
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81°27'41.52" W
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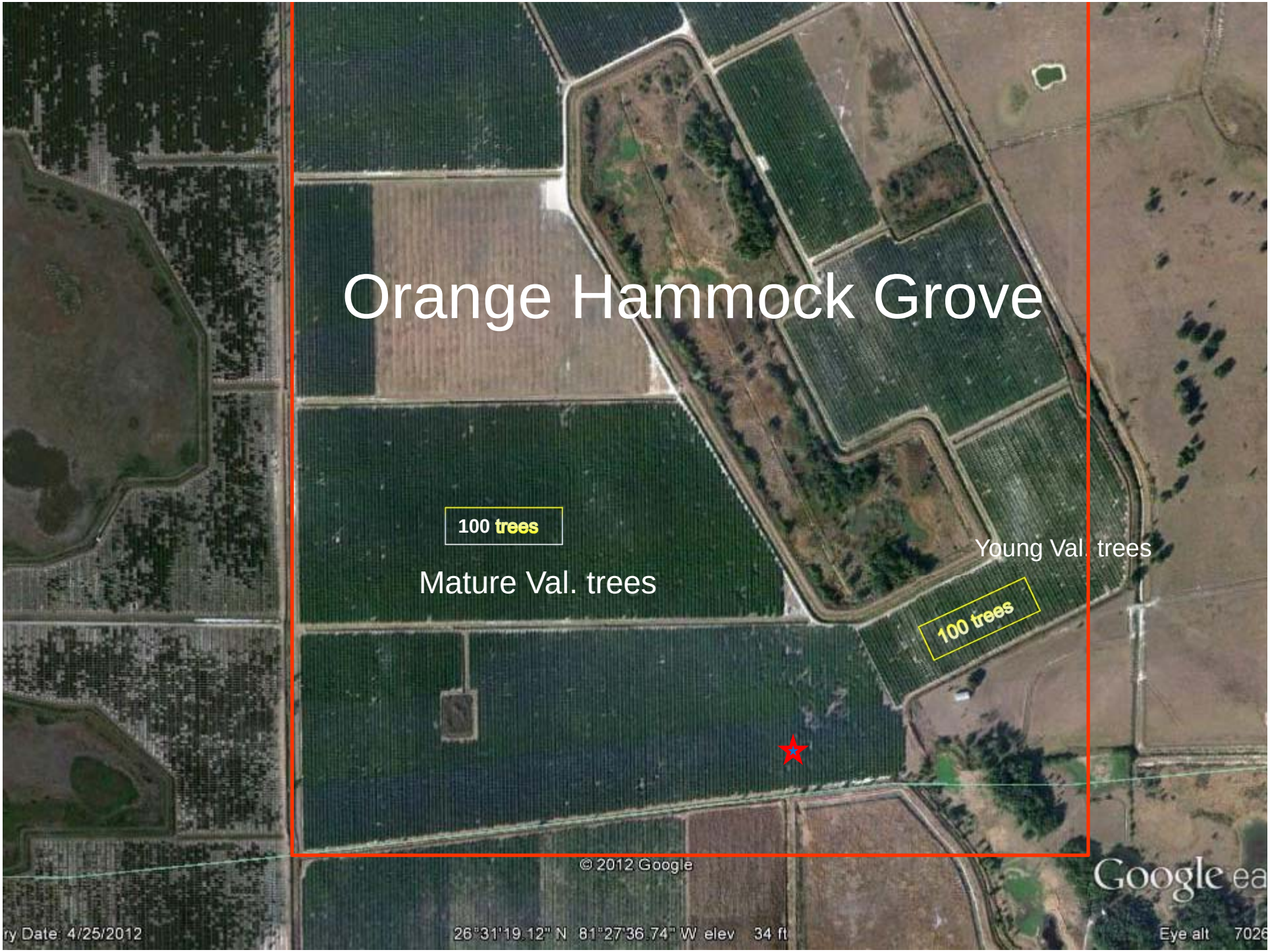
Orange Hammock Grove
100 trees
Mature Val. trees
Young Val. trees
100 trees
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Mature Valencia Trees

Jan. 2008 PCR
Mature Trees
40 % positive

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Young Valencia Trees

Jan. 2008 PCR
Young Trees
81 % Positive

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Mature Valencia Trees

Jan. 2010 PCR
Mature Trees
91 % Positive

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Young Valencia Trees

Jan. 2010 PCR
Young Trees
100 % Positive

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Mature Valencia Trees

Jan. 2012 PCR
Mature Trees
95 % positive

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Young trees
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HLB Symptom Rating Systems

100 trees (10 trees x 10 rows) in 2 blocks

0 = Vigorous, no symptoms

1 = Vigorous, slight symptoms

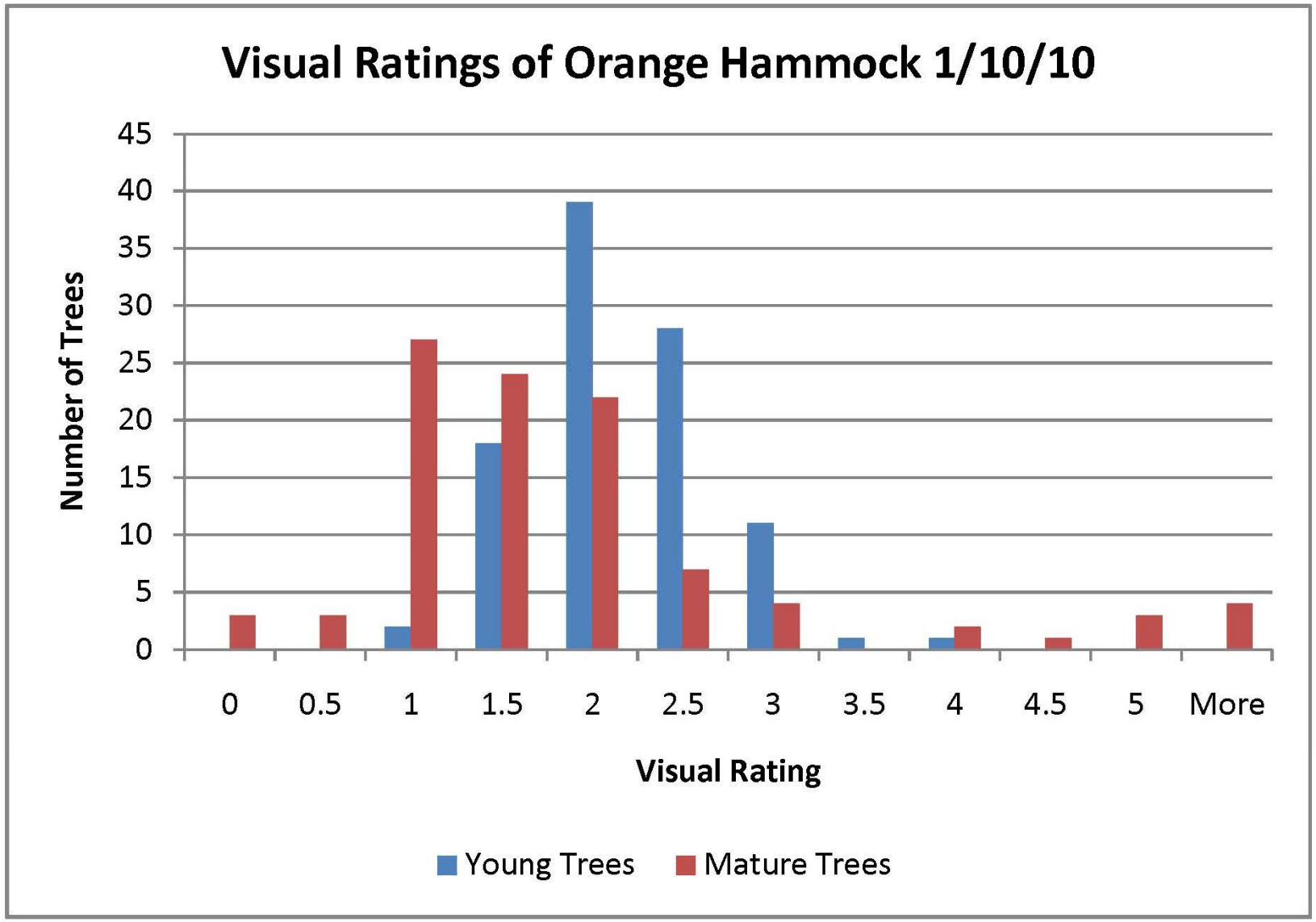
2 = Slight decline (symptomatic)

3 = Moderate decline (symptomatic)

4 = Sever decline (symptomatic)

5 = Won't recover

6 = Missing tree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Number of Trees
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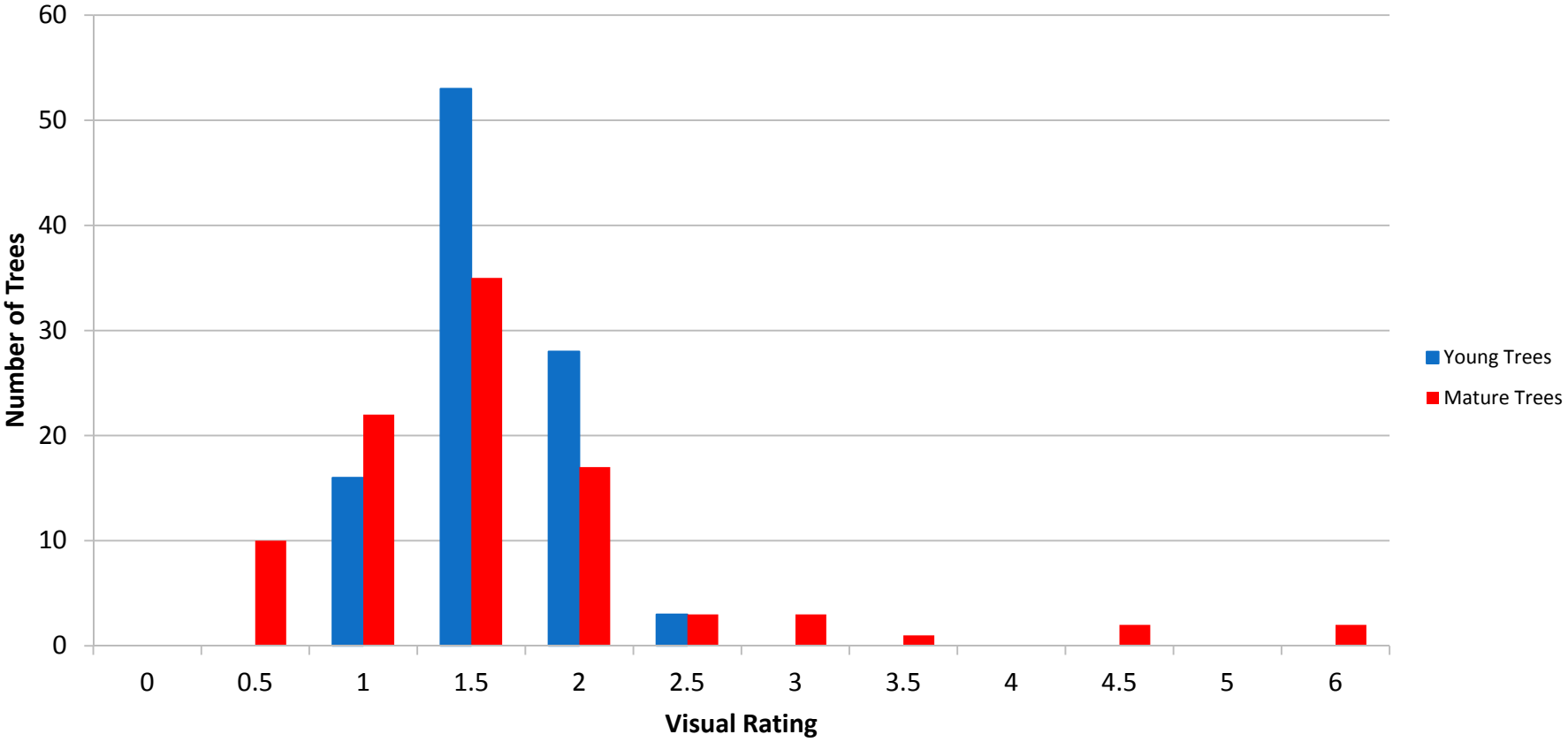
More
Visual Rating
Young Trees
Mature Trees

Visual Ratings of Orange Hammock 1/06/12



Nutrition Program

Foliar Spray:

- Serenade
- Sonata
- Renew (N-P-K)
- K-Phite (Phosphite)
- SAver (SA)
- Magnesium Sulfate
- Manganese Sulfate
- Zinc Sulfate
- Sodium Molybdate
- 13-0-44 Spray Grade (KNO_3)
- 435 Citrus Spray Oil
- AgPro (mined earth elements)
- Hydrogen peroxide

Ground Applied:

- Calcium Nitrate
- Triple Super Phosphate
- DAP
- SPM
- MOP
- Magnesium
- Iron
- Boron w/herbicide application
- Copper – as nutritional only when needed

Conclusions on Boyd's Nutritional Therapy Program

- ✓ Trees with HLB have been maintained for 8 seasons
- ✓ Yield has maintained for 8 years since HLB confirmed
- ✓ HLB in Valencia increased from 40%, 91% to 95%
- ✓ HLB in young Valencia increased from 81%, 100%, 100%
- ✓ Symptom ratings and tree condition improved in both mature and young Valencia from 2010 to 2012

Trials Evaluating the Boyd Cocktail (2008 - 12)

A. OBJECTIVES

1. Duplicate Orange Hammock Grove Results
2. Define components of nutrient/SAR cocktail that are contributing to maintaining tree health & production

B. TRIALS

Sites	Size	2008	2012
1) SWFREC (Hamlin)	2 acres	infected 100%	100%
2) Commercial (Valencia)	30 acres	infected 15%	98%

Per acre (250 gal/acre)	Product
2.25 lbs (2010 Serenade ASO)	Serenade Max WP
2 qts	Di-Oxy Solv organic (H_3PO_3)
8 gal	*14-7-8 w/K-phite (1-pt/gal)
or	
8 gal	3-18-20 w/K-phite (1-pt/gal)
8.5 lbs	$MgSO_4$ (Epsom Salts)
8.5 lbs	$MnSO_4$ (Techmangam)
2.8 lbs	Zinc Sulfate
0.85 oz	Sodium Molybdate
8.5 lbs	KNO_3 (13-0-44 spray grade)
1 qt	SAver w/ammonium salicylate
5 gal	435 Oil
3.3 lbs (added fall 2009)	B (Beau-Ron D)

* When using 14-7-8 (spring) eliminate the 3-18-20

1	2	3	4	5
SAR				SAR
K-Phite	K-Phite			
Micro	Micro	Micro	*	*
Hydrogen Peroxide	Hydrogen Peroxide	Hydrogen Peroxide	Hydrogen Peroxide	Hydrogen Peroxide
KNO_3 +oil	KNO_3 +oil	KNO_3 +oil	KNO_3 +oil	KNO_3 +oil
6	7	8	9	10
SAR	SAR		SAR	untreated
K-Phite		K-Phite	K-Phite	
*	Micro	*	Micro	*
Hydrogen Peroxide	Hydrogen Peroxide	Hydrogen Peroxide		
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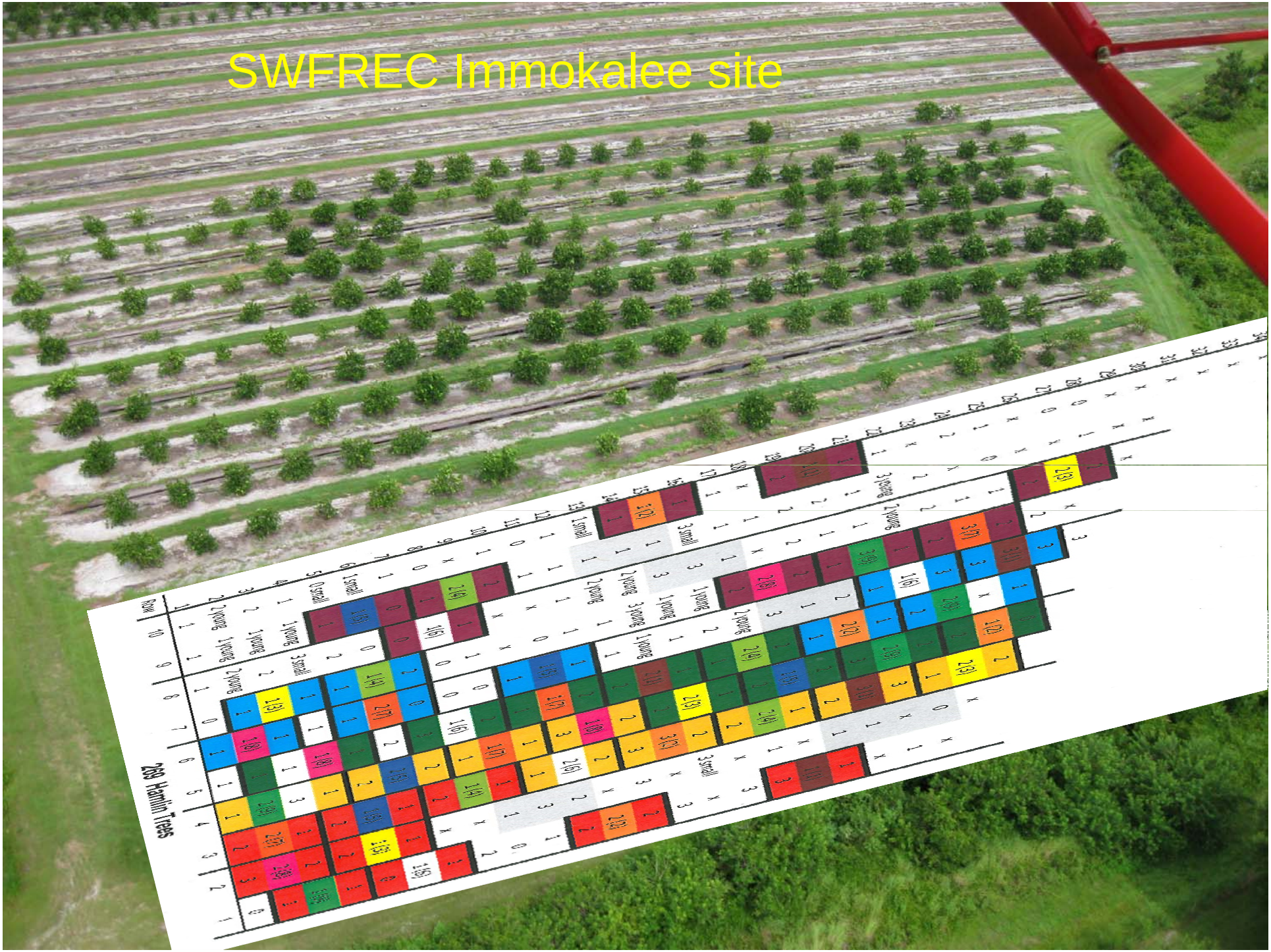
SWFREC Immokalee site
269 Hamlin Trees

PCR Ct values for 3 test sites

Site	Year	Range	Mean	Incidence
SWFREC	2008	29.97 - 25.87	28.097 a	100%
	2009	27.32 - 24.43	26.065 b	100%
	2010	25.88 - 24.56	24.994 b	100%
	2011	30.57 - 28.13	29.179 a	100%
Meador	2008	32.58 - 27.21	29.884 a	41%
	2009	30.21 - 27.13	28.498 a	79%
	2010	26.22 - 24.82	25.643 b	99%
	2011	27.00 - 25.85	26.491 b	100%
B.Collier	2008			About 15%
	2009	34.27 -30.22	32.234 a	40%
	2010	26.88 - 25.18	25.896 b	85%
	2011	27.04 - 23.99	25.226 b	98%

SWFREC Hamlin Yield

SWFREC (Hamlin)									
2008		2009		2010		2011*		2012	
Trt.	Lb. tree	Trt.	Lb. tree	Trt.	Lb. tree	Trt.	Lb. tree	Trt.	Lbs. tree
2	37.0 a	2	78.2 a	2	118.1 a	2	196.2 a	2	360 a
4	30.4 ab	4	58.8 ab	1	109.4 ab	6	195.8 a	7	346 a
9	24.9 ab	9	56.0 ab	3	96.2 abc	3	188.7 a	4	330 a
3	24.1 ab	6	48.3 bc	7	85.6 abc	4	187.3 a	9	329 a
1	21.5 ab	1	48.0 bc	9	79.6 bcd	7	181.4 a	6	324 ab
6	18.9 b	3	42.5 bc	4	74.0 cde	9	174.5 a	1	286 ab
5	18.6 b	7	38.0 bc	10	67.0 cde	1	170.7 a	5	269 ab
7	18.3 b	5	35.6 bc	5	63.4 cde	5	149.6 b	3	251 ab
8	14.8 b	8	28.7 c	6	45.6 de	8	108.3 b	8	207 bc
10	6.9 c	10	18.2 d	8	43.6 e	10	56.5 c	10	132 c

*Experienced citrus canker on leaves with severe leaf loss

2012 FRUIT DROP

	Trt. 1	Trt. 2	Trt.3	Trt. 4	Trt. 5	Trt. 6	Trt. 7	Trt. 8	Trt. 9	Trt. 10
% Drop	31	27	32	26	29	23	30	37	33	32
Boxes	0.63	.68	.53	.61	.53	.57	.71	.51	.70	.30

NOTE: The more fruit on the tree the more fruit droped
Best treatments at 4 boxes/8 ft. tree less 0.6 box = 3.4 boxes/tree

Ht. = 2.56 m (8.3 ft.)
Trt. 2


Ht. = 3.29 m (10.7 ft.)
Trt. 2
1-12W

Ht. = 2.56 m (8.3 ft.)
Trt. 2


Ht. = 2.41 m (7.2 ft.)
Trt. 1
1-17E


Ht. = 2.63 m (8.5 ft.)
Trt. 1
1-18E

Valencia 30 acre Commercial Trial

B.Collier (Valencia)								
2008		2009		2010		2011		Treatment code
Trt.	Lb. tree	Trt.	Lb. tree	Trt.	Lb. tree	Trt.	Lb. tree	
2	72.3 a	1	63.3 a	1	60.4 a	3	148.3 a	1= Micro+Macro+PO_3+SAR+H_2O_2
8	67.2 a	2	63.1 a	2	60.0 a	2	148.2 a	2= Micro, Macro, H_3PO_3
1	65.4 a	9	50.2 ab	9	55.9 ab	1	144.8 a	3 = Micro + KNO_3
9	65.1 a	5	46.2 ab	7	52.2 ab	7	144.7 a	4 = KNO_3
5	63.3 a	8	45.7 ab	5	45.6 ab	9	139.8 a	5 = SAR + KNO_3
10	62.2 a	7	42.3 ab	3	44.0 ab	5	129.3 ab	6 = Macro, H_3PO_3, SAR
3	59.1 a	3	41.8 ab	4	39.8 ab	4	121.2 ab	7 = Micro, KNO_3, SAR
7	59.1 a	4	33.4 b	8	37.0 ab	8	110.4 b	8 = Macro +H_3PO_3
6	49.8 a	10	32.1	6	32.9 b	6	108.9 b	9 = Micro+ Macro +PO_3+ SAR
4	38.4 a	6	27.2 b	10	28.9 b	10	91 c	10 = Control


2/19/2013 Trt. 2 B9 Valencia

What Appears to be Working?

- Micronutrients (Mg, Mn sulfate, Zn sulfate, Mo, B)
- Macro nutrient (KNO_3 or Urea or DKP)
- Phosphite for disease
- Salicylic acid for growth flush stimulation

Pruning + Nutritional Therapy

for Rehabilitating

HLB infected Citrus Trees

in Florida

Objective:

1. Salvage and Rehabilitate HLB Trees to Avoid Cost and Time with Replanting
2. Rebalance the Shoot Root/Ration of Trees with Decline
3. Prune to Stimulate Regrowth and Feed new Foliage with Nutritionals
4. Maintain Psyllid Mangement

Rationale

- $ = Tree Removal of Declining Tree
- $ = Cost of New Nursery Tree
- $ = Planting New Tree
- $ = Care Costs for 4 yrs. till Production Begins
- $ = Care Costs for additional 2 to 3 yrs. till Yield covers Production costs

Treatments

A. Severe buckhorn pruned and un-pruned trees (2-row bed, 1-row pruned & 1-row unpruned)
B. Foliar Nutritionals to feed re-growth of pruned & un-pruned trees
    1. Boyd cocktail (macro + micro nutrients, phosphite, SA, SARs)
    2. Fortress (Phosphite Mg, Zn, Mn, Mo, Ca, Cu, Co + B, Ni)
       + 20 lbs/ac KNO_3 spray and Calcium Nitrate ground applied
    3. Fortress (Phosphite Mg, Zn, Mn, Mo, Cu, Co, + B, Ni)
       + Urea (trizoned) spray and Calcium nitrate ground applied
    4. *Control - 2 qts./ac maintenance liquid foliar with summer oil sprays*


Trees 100% HLB infected January 2010


February 2010


February 2010

August 2010

2010 Regrowth Shoot Lengths (cm)

Tree Shape	March flush	May flush	Summer flush
Buckhorn	19.5 a	41.6 a	26.4 a
Standard	10.4 b	13.7 b	22.7 b

2011 Regrowth Shoot Lengths (cm)

Tree Shape	Spring flush (March)	Late Spring flush (April-May)	Summer flush (June-August)
Buckhorn	23.5 a	27.1 a	16.1 a
Standard	19.4 b	23.7 b	11.1 b

March 2011

2010 & 2011 CROP YIELD second season

Un-pruned trees		2010 Crop (boxes/acre)	2011 Crop (boxes/acre)
Control		49.3 b	164.3 c
Boyd		77.4 a	228.5 a
Fortress + KNO_3		75.7 a	195.2 ab
Fortress + Urea		75.7 a	197.3 ab
Pruned (Buckhorn)			
Control		27.4 c	174.2 bc
Boyd		22.0 c	211.2 a
Fortress + KNO_3		29.5 c	181.6 b
Fortress + Urea		29.5 c	195.1 ab

2011 Crop Fruit Sizes

There were **no statistical differences among sizes** between pruned and un-pruned trees.

Undersize (Less than 125's)

125's

100's

80's

64's

56's (no fruit)

48's (no fruit)


January 18, 2011


January 18, 2011


September 2011


Pruned June 2010
Picture March 30, 2011

Grower doubled his crop
from previous season

Take Home Message Bottom Line

1. HLB Trees can be Rehabilitated
2. Observation: (Most citrus growers practicing a foliar nutrition therapy program are seeing positive results)
3. Psyllid Management + Foliar Nutritional Reduces Continued Inoculations & Allows Foliar Nutrition to Improve and Maintain Tree Health while Maintaining Economical Production.