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LOUISIANA HLB QUARANTINE EXPANDED

A federal quarantine area for HLB has been established in all of Saint Charles Parish in Louisiana. Six parishes are now under HLB quarantine in Louisiana.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA APHIS) took the action in cooperation with the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry. The action was taken because of HLB detections in plant tissue samples collected in multiple locations during routine surveys in Louisiana.

USDA APHIS is applying safeguarding measures on the interstate movement of regulated articles from the quarantined areas in Saint Charles Parish.

ENHANCE PRE-EMERGENT HERBICIDE PERFORMANCE

University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences researchers Ramdas Kanissery and Robert Riefer recently offered the following information about pre-emergent herbicides:

- Pre-emergent herbicides are essential for keeping weeds under control in citrus groves throughout the year.
- To effectively prevent weed germination and growth, pre-emergent herbicides must stay in the upper layer of soil.
- Mixing soil-binding agents with pre-emergent herbicides improves their effectiveness in sandy soils by helping them stay in the soil for longer periods.

ORANGE AND OJ PRODUCTION IN CHINA

Both orange and orange juice (OJ) production in China are forecast to increase in 2023–24 compared to the prior year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Foreign Agricultural Service reported.

Orange production is expected to reach 7.63 million metric tons (MMT), up from 7.6 MMT the prior year.

Chinese orange acreage is expected to be unchanged in 2023–24 at 816,530 hectares.

OJ production in 2023–24 is forecast at 17,500 MT, up nearly 3% from the previous year. The increase assumes a slightly increasing volume of oranges to be delivered for processing as a result of the increased orange production. 🍊

