



Citrus Health Response Program Update January 2009

Abandoned Grove Initiative

Recognizing the pest and disease risks associated with abandoned groves, the state has initiated a comprehensive plan for their destruction. Key components include:

- ✓ Cataloguing all abandoned groves throughout the state
- ✓ Mapping all high-risk abandoned groves
- ✓ Notifying owners of abandoned groves and asking what their intentions are for said properties
- ✓ Informing owners that if their groves are not kept in production, they will not be considered part of the CHRP
- ✓ Informing owners that if they take action and eliminate any live citrus trees in abandoned groves, this will be considered a bonafide agricultural practice and owners will remain in compliance with CHRP guidelines, thus maintaining their agriculture exempt status



Examples of abandoned groves throughout the state

Other CHRP Program Highlights

- ✓ **Gulf Citrus Growers Association Cooperative Aerial Citrus Psyllid Spray Program:** DPI Immokalee office assisting with program which began December 1st and will continue to February 1st. Program involves spraying the outer boundaries of the GCGA's area and working inward. UF/IFAS and DPI have been surveying areas to get estimated pre-treatment psyllid counts. Early reports indicate a relatively high percentage of grower participation; however efforts to increase participation continue.
- ✓ DPI CHRP offices continuing multiple-pest surveys, grower-requested surveys, site verifications and SHARE program. A small number of fresh fruit survey requests being received in Immokalee, Tavares, Winter Haven and Vero Beach offices.
- ✓ Winter Haven office has completed nursery environs surveys and has started on residential surveys targeting early detection of exotic citrus pests.

Summary of Activities through December 2008

Activity	October	November	December	FY Total*
Multi-pest survey (MPS) #4	5,662 acres	8,171 acres	7,225 acres	41,492 acres
Fresh fruit survey	15,893 acres	4,226 acres	1,318 acres	30,879 acres
Grower requested survey	1,659 acres	419 acres	358 acres	9,968 acres
Nursery environs survey				
- commercial	1,130 acres	937 acres	1,403 acres	3,918 acres
- residential	116 properties	0 properties		3,151 properties
Fresh fruit applications	10	1		442*
Harvesting permits issued	2,072	376**	240	3,759

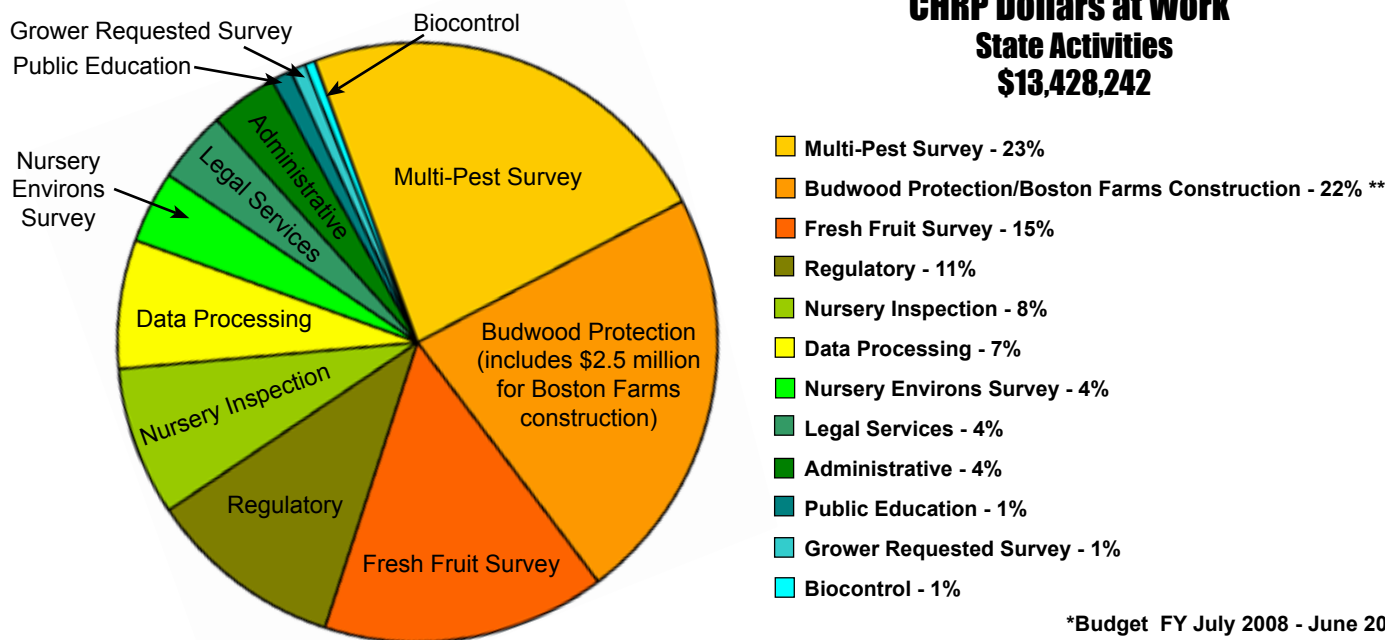
*FY 7/1/08 - 6/30/09

Total includes 46 fresh fruit applications received in June

** Number has been revised to reflect current information

Projected CHRP Activities for Fiscal Year July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

CHRP Dollars at Work*
State Activities
\$13,428,242



Grower Services - How can we help?

- ✓ **Supplemental Surveys:** scout for pests and diseases upon grower request, as resources permit
- ✓ **Fresh Fruit Surveys:** export to the European Union
- ✓ **Disease Recognition Training:** identify citrus canker, HLB, CVC and citrus leprosis
- ✓ **Self-Survey Training:** plan, execute and document surveys
- ✓ **Decontamination Training:** learn proper mixtures and application
- ✓ **Train-the-Trainer:** improve and customize training programs one-on-one

**For survey and training services,
 please contact your local CHRP office**

www.doacs.state.fl.us/pi/contacts.html

or the

DPI Helpline

1-800-282-5153