Current Research Objectives

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Research topic: Irrigation Management

Primary Research Objective(s): Investigating the effect of irrigation rates on HLB-affected citrus.

Research Goal: Improve tree performance (canopy growth, development) using improved irrigation practices.

Outcomes to date: Current studies show that frequent irrigation is critical to maintain optimal tree health in the era of citrus greening. Infrequent irrigation is deleterious for HLB-affected trees. Collaborating growers are implementing frequent irrigation strategies and are reporting good yield and dense canopies.

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