



MURRAY VALLEY CITRUS BOARD WEEKLY NEWS

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Qfly Detections Week Ending 20 April

Three new Queensland Fruit Fly (Qfly) outbreaks at Speewa, Dareton North and Narrung have been declared last week. A 15 km restricted area is in place for both outbreaks which affects the movement of fruit throughout Victoria and other Qfly sensitive markets. The table below lists the Qfly detections for week ending 20 April. Please note that not every detection denotes an outbreak; trapping five male flies or a single gravid female fly within 1 kilometre is the trigger point for an outbreak to be declared for most markets.

Area	#Qfly	Action
Beverford	1	Extends Outbreak
Beverford South	1	Extends Outbreak
Swan Hill	4	Extends Outbreak
Swan Hill West	2	Extends Outbreak
Swan Hill North West	1	Extends Outbreak
Swan Hill North	3	Supplementary traps and larval searching
Murrabit	4	Extends Outbreak
Buronga	24	Extends Outbreak
Murrabit East	3	Supplementary traps deployed
Murrabit Town	2	Supplementary traps remain deployed
Koondrook	1	Under chemical control
Boeil Creek	2	Supplementary traps and larval searching
Cabarita North	9	Extends Outbreak
Wentworth	2	Supplementary traps remain deployed
Euston	2	Extends Outbreak
Tol Tol	7	Extends Outbreak
Tooleybuc Town	2	Supplementary traps and larval searching
Goodnight	1	No Action
Goodnight North	2	Supplementary traps remain deployed
Boundary Bend West	1	Supplementary traps and larval searching
Boundary Bend	24	Extends Outbreak
Boundary Bend Township	1	Extends Outbreak
Mildura	1	No Action
Koraleigh	1	No Action
Dareton North	Gravid female	New Outbreak
Wood Wood	2	Supplementary traps and larval searching
Wood Wood South	2	Supplementary traps and larval searching
Nyah	2	No Action
Wood Wood North	1	No Action
Woorinen	1	Supplementary traps and larval searching
Speewa	5	New Outbreak
Narrung	Gravid female	New Outbreak
Kenley	1	Extends Outbreak
Vinifera	11	Extends Outbreak

MVCB has been proactive in making the Qfly bait spray chemical, Naturalure, available to both New South Wales and Victorian citrus growers within the Murray Valley. The Board's extensive plantings and contact data base

has allowed growers affected by the Dareton North outbreak to be contacted and allocated chemical within 48 hours of the outbreak being declared. The Board is waiting on site details to determine if any citrus growers are affected by the Speewa and Narrung outbreaks.

The proposed five year R & D plan for the citrus industry's single structure does not allocate any resources to undertake Qfly control measures in the Murray Valley.

Victorian Department of Primary Industries (VIC DPI) will halt Qfly treatment operations in the peri-urban areas during the colder months as the flies will no longer be active. MVCB will cease to supply of bait spray chemical to affected growers at the same time.

Navel Maturity Results Week Ending 21st April

Navel maturity tests results carried out over the last week are listed in the table below. Growers are encouraged to have their Navels tested before harvesting so sour, immature fruit does not reach the market. MVCB staff are happy to carry out maturity testing for all growers and packing sheds.

Date	Area	Variety	% Juice	⁰ Brix	Brix:Acid Ratio
16/4	Iraak	Navelina	49	10.8	10.8:1
17/4	Colignan	Navelina	44	9.9	9.7:1
18/4	Merbein	Ryan	43	10	10.1:1
20/4	Curlwaa	Ryan	49	10.4	10.0:1
20/4	Buronga	Ryan	44	10.1	10.2:1
20/4	Merbein	Grapefruit	36	9.8	5.4:1

Crop Forecast

In addition to providing a forecast for the Navel crop (published in last week's newsletter), MVCB also provides a forecast for the other citrus categories grown in the Murray Valley. The tonnages are as follows:

Valencias	29,412 tonnes
Mandarins	7,688 tonnes
Afourer	5,217 tonnes
Tangelos	1,676 tonnes
Grapefruit	5,100 tonnes

The Murray Valley crop forecast is produced by MVCB and is fully funded by grower levies with matched Federal Government funding. Please ring the Board's office on (03) 5051 0503 if you require a copy of the crop forecast.

Diary Dates:

6th June – Use of Smart Phones in Horticulture, 3:00p, MVCB Boardroom, 58 Pine Ave, Mildura