



MURRAY VALLEY CITRUS BOARD WEEKLY NEWS

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Tuesday 29th May 2012

Reminder to Vote

The Electoral Commission has posted voting papers to growers on Friday 25th May, so growers should have received voting papers in the mail. If you have not received your voting papers please contact Jonathan Drohan on (03) 9938 5930

Growers are reminded that voting to remake the Board for another four year term is compulsory.

Before you vote on whether your citrus Board disappears, consider what it would mean to lose local representation; to lose local coordination of product presentations to buyers; local coordination of production issues for presentation to Government, to industry and advocacy groups; local R&D in response to local concerns, and local staff on the ground working for you.

Your citrus Board came into existence to raise funds to invest in the issues and projects that mattered most to producers in the Murray Valley. The same applies more than 20 years later. The issues and projects that attract levy dollars reflect the concerns, needs and aspirations of the growers who collectively are the Murray Valley citrus industry, the people responsible for a quarter of the nation's citrus production.

To be counted, your vote will need to be posted in time to reach the Electoral commission in Melbourne by 4pm 8th June, 2012.

How to Vote:

A YES vote is to continue the Board for a four year term.

A NO vote will see the Citrus Board cease all operations on June 30, 2012.

All instructions are detailed on your ballot paper, including the requirement to sign the declaration on the reply paid envelope.

On-Farm Field Trials Farm Walk

A Murray Valley Citrus Board (MVCB) field trials farm walk will be held on Thursday 31st May starting at Minter Magic, Hards Road, Iraak farm at 8:00am with a free breakfast BBQ. Growers will then board a bus at 8:45am to examine trials being undertaken on four other properties in the Iraak/Nangiloc area ending at Sevenfields Yatpool property around 1pm. Trials to be visited are:

- Minter Magic - Drip applied potassium, Darren will also talk about his underground drip system and the machinery he uses to install it.
- Deakin Estate – Nutrivant Booster foliar spray vs potassium nitrate foliar spray
- Manna Farms – K Carb organic foliar spray
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- Cottrell Farms – Single and double potassium nitrate foliar spray
- Sevenfields – Hand thinning and pruning of Afourer mandarins.

The trials are a collaborative project using locally collected levies with matched Federal Government funding and are conducted by Steven Falivene (NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) citrus extension officer), Karen Connolly (NSW DPI project officer) and Murray Valley Citrus Board IDO, Mary Cannard.

Growers should consider these trials as their “practical university/training ground”, and all growers are encouraged to attend. Growers are also encouraged to talk to the project team about ideas for trials they might like to conduct on their farms”.

The farm walk will start with a free BBQ breakfast and growers are requested to phone MVCB on 03 50510500 to register for catering purposes.

Qfly Detections for Week Ending 25 May

Area	# Qfly	Action
Speewa	1	Extends Outbreak
Murrabit	1	Extends Outbreak
Murrabit Town	1	Supplementary traps remain deployed
Koondrook	1	Under chemical control
Boundary Bend	1	Extends Outbreak
Boundary Bend West	3	Extends Outbreak
Goodnight Nth	3	Extends Outbreak
Narrung	1	Extends Outbreak
Tol Tol	1	Extends outbreak
Beverford West	2	Supplementary traps and larval searching

Citrus Gall Wasp Phenology Project Update

Local grower levies with matched Federal Government funding have been used to ascertain the exact timing of citrus gall wasp (CGW) adult emergence in the Murray Valley region. CGW is a serious issue for citrus growers in Qld, NSW, SA and Victorian citrus growing regions. Due to its annual life cycle there is only one opportunity each year to manage this pest and the exact timing of the adult emergence period varies in each district.

The results from this project have shown that 95% of adult CGW have emerged from mid to late November.

For growers in this region it was extremely important to be able to predict peak adult emergence and therefore time chemical applications to reduce the incidence of galling in the most efficient and cost effective manner.

Full results from this project will be detailed in the June edition of the Board's CITREP magazine.