



MVCB Weekly News

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Qfly Update

Trapping data for the week ending 17 May is given in the table below.

Location	# Qfly	Action
Nangiloc	1	Supplementary traps deployed
Vinifera	1	No action
Buronga	2	Extends outbreak
Gol Gol	1	Extends outbreak
Myall	1	Extends outbreak
Kerang	8	Extends outbreak
Kerang Sth	1	Extends outbreak
Goodnight Township	1	Extends outbreak
Iraak	1	No action
Swan Hill	2	Extends outbreak

Cittgroup – Crop Regulation for the 2014/15 Season

MVCB in conjunction with NSW Industry and Investment are holding a Cittgroup and farm walk to help growers make decisions to smooth out the biennial bearing pattern of citrus by managing next season's crop load and therefore, increase fruit size.

The Cittgroup will be held on Wednesday 29 May, starting at 8:30am, at NSW DPI Dareton, Silver City Highway.

Topics will include:

- Industry impact of crop load & fruit size
- Crop regulation decision making
- Winter GA₃ flower manipulation
- Hand thinning trials on Keenan's property

Ring the MVCB's office on 03 5051 0504 to register.

SCG/MVCB Technical Field Day and Workshops

Growers are reminded to register early for the SCG /MVCB Technical Field Day and Workshops which will be held on 26 and 27 June. Numbers will be strictly limited and places are filling fast.

Dr Pat Barkley has agreed to open the Technical Field day on 26 June. As well as being a key note speaker on the day she will also be involved in the interactive workshop on 27 June. Pat Barkley has been involved with the citrus industry for 47 years as a citrus pathologist with NSW DPI, then as National

Citrus Improvement Manager for the Australian Citrus Budwood and Seed Scheme and responsible for managing scion and rootstock improvement and finally, until she resigned last year, as Technical Adviser (part-time) to Citrus Australia.

One of the keynote speakers for the first day is Israeli citrus expert Joshua Kanonich. He will outline the current Israeli situation; share Israeli expertise on growing mandarins for profit, provide an assessment of profitable varieties and give some indication of the Israeli industry's future directions.

Diary Dates:

29 May 2013

Crop Regulation for the 2014/15 season.

8:30am

NSW DPI Dareton.

26 June 2013

Growers' Technical Field Day.

8:30am to 5:00pm

NSW DPI Research Station

27 June 2013

Workshop with world leading production, rootstock and variety experts from Spain and Israel.

NSW DPI Research Station
(More details in the next newsletter)

Other key issues to be addressed on the day are:

- Does growing fewer, but bigger fruit pay?
- Crop size regulation
- Asian markets' potential
- Orchard practices to access Asian markets
- Possibilities for electricity savings and potential for solar panels to boost farm profits
- Sunraysia Pest Free Area status update

The second day will be an interactive workshop delivered by leading Spanish and Israeli production, rootstock and variety experts discussing crop management issues.

Admission is by registration only so ring the Board's office on (03) 5051 0500 to register for this exciting event.

MVCB Presence at Horticultural Field Days

MVCB's Field Officer, Tony Bothroyd and Industry Development Officer, Mary Cannard, were in attendance at the Mildura Horticultural Field Days on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th May 2013. The MVCB's display was located in the Horticultural Industries tent, showcasing the role of the Board. The display also highlighted the need for crop regulation to minimise biennial bearing patterns.

Information on management of pests such as Citrus Gall Wasp and Fuller's Rose Weevil was also available. The display also included information on citrus publications and fact sheets and many growers took the opportunity to discuss issues relating to citrus production.

Closure

Please note the MVCB Office will be closed from 10:00am to 1:00pm on Friday 31 May, 2013.

Fruit Maturity Testing

The MVCB offers a free fruit Maturity Testing service to growers in the Murray Valley area. Growers/packers are urged to ring the office before bringing fruit in for testing to check on availability of staff time. As part of the Maturity Testing service, the Board also offers free supply of N10 solution to those packing sheds conducting their own maturity tests.