



Recent Citrus Black Spot Disease Report from Florida

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Situation: One more exotic citrus disease found in Florida. This time, it is citrus black spot (CBS), found in Collier County, Florida, March 8, 2010. Citrus black spot is a fungal disease caused by *Guignardia citricarpa*. It causes serious necrotic lesions on fruit and makes it unsuitable for fresh fruit market.

Suspected fruit were collected by members of the Citrus Health Response Plan (CHRP) survey team in Florida from a Valencia orange grove. There were over 100 trees with fruit symptoms of CBS. The owners had picked all the fruit for juice since infected fruit has no juice quality issues. The researchers and the regulatory agencies conducted conventional and ad

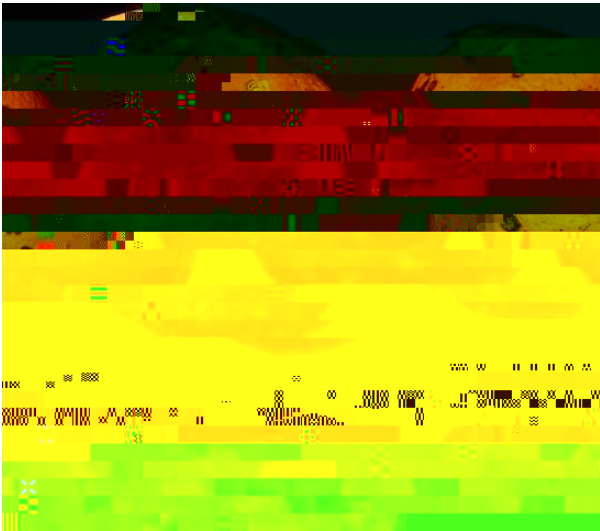


Figure top. Valencia fruit lesions 1-5 mm diameter, irregular distribution
 Bottom left. Close up of a fruit lesion
 Bottom middle. A more virulent symptom on Valencia orange
 Bottom right. Fruit symptoms as seen on a tree

A Friend of the Citrus Industry Honored

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Juan M. Garcia, Executive Director of the Texas State Farm Service Agency received the Hall of Honor Alumnus award, at the Dick & Mary Lewis Kleberg College of Agriculture, Natural Resources & Human Sciences for 2010. A native of Lyford, TX and a 1976 graduate from the then Texas A&I University Kingsville, he was the guest of honor at the recent awards function in Kingsville chaired by dean, Dr. Allen Rasmussen, attended by students, staff, faculty and Provost Dr. Rex Gandy.

Mr. Garcia was appointed by Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack to serve as Texas FSA Director in the Obama Administration. As FSA Director, he has been instrumental in the development of the Texas FSA program, which has been a major success story for the state.

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Awards and Recognitions for Citrus Center People

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Recently several Citrus Center faculty, staff and students received recognition for their work and ser

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