



NEW ZEALAND ALERT

Notification No. 2

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USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has notified CCQC that Biosecurity New Zealand's communication regarding diversion or destruction of intercepted loads with bean thrips should be treated as a warning to the industry to increase surveillance and monitoring for bean thrips and not an official policy change. New Zealand phytosanitary authorities are concerned about the increased level of bean thrips interceptions on loads shipped this season and have communicated that to APHIS. **However, at this moment there is no change to the current practice of fumigating loads with bean thrips detections.**

CCQC is working with the Citrus Research Board, UC Riverside's Joe Morse and APHIS' John Loyd and Bill Abel to identify the origin of lots rejected for bean thrips in New Zealand and Australia to see if some production areas could be flagged for shipment to other markets. Additionally, we plan to develop a set of options to mitigate bean thrips interceptions in New Zealand and Australia for consideration by the industry. If you have specific ideas you would like to propose, please contact me by telephone at (530) 885-1894 or via e-mail at jcranney@calcitrusquality.org.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JRCranney Jr".

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