

Press Release



Parish Spraying to Protect Citrus Crops

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Due to the importance of the Citrus Industry in Plaquemines Parish, with a commercial value of 4.1 million dollars plus, and the threat of it being destroyed by a new disease, Parish President Billy Nungesser will once again spearhead a campaign to prevent the disease from appearing.

Citrus greening disease, a serious disease of citrus trees, is transmitted by an insect called the Asian Citrus Psyllid. Symptoms of the disease may not show for years, but as symptoms show, the entire tree will eventually turn yellow and die. Nearly all citrus species are susceptible to citrus greening.



Aerial treatment will begin tentatively on October 6 and 7 (Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively), weather permitting. It will occur between Braithwaite and Carlisle on the East Bank and Belle Chasse to Venice on the West Bank.

Any questions regarding the aerial spraying of the trees or if anyone wishes to have there backyard citrus trees treated at no charge, please call Project Coordinator James Madere at (504) 912-6639.