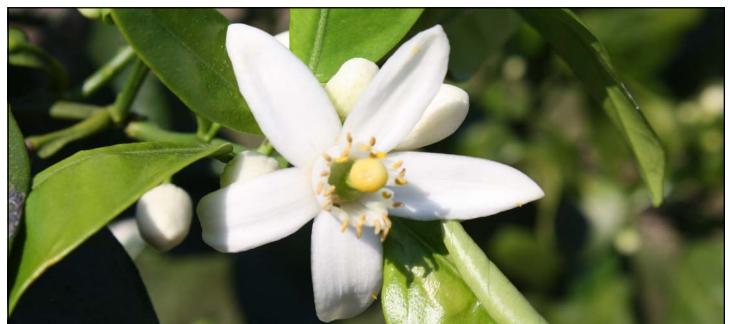
# CITRUS DISEASES AND PEST STUDY GUIDE FOR FLORIDA 4-H AND FFA JUDGING EVENTS



















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#### **DISORDERS and NUTRITIONAL DEFCIENCIES**



Copper Deficiency

- -large dark green leaves
- -gum pockets at nodes of twigs
- -brownish scars on fruit, twigs, and leaves



### Glyphosate (Contact Injury)

- -injury spots on leaves
- -may cause defoliation of leaves
- -new growth after application may appear as small, narrow leaves



Iron Deficiency

- -green veins on a light yellow to white colored leaf
- -new growth exhibits symptoms first



#### Magnesium Deficiency

- -inverted green V pattern
- -remainder of leaf is yellow
- -entire leaf yellowing may occur as deficiency progresses

## **DISORDERS and NUTRITIONAL DEFCIENCIES**



Manganese Deficiency

- -dark green veins with a lighter green background
- -normal size and shaped leaves



Nitrogen Deficiency

- -entire leaf becomes yellow
- -no distinctive leaf patter



#### Salt or Fertilizer Burn

- -irregular dead areas on leaves
- -injured areas are irregularly spaced
- -brown in color



## Zinc Deficiency

- -small and narrow leaves with yellow mottle on green background
- -green islands
- -distance between leaves is reduced on stem



Alternaria Brown Spot (leaves)

- -initial brown spots develop yellow halos
- -leaf lesions expand into circular irregular shapes that can cover a large portion of the leaf



### Alternaria Brown Spot (fruit)

- -fruit symptoms start as small dark specks
- -lesions develop into either large black lesions or corky eruptions
- -eruptions can fall off leaving craters on the fruit surface



**Brown Rot** 

- -light brown
- -leathery to touch
- -strong odor



#### Citrus Black Spot (leaves)

- -younger lesions are reddish brown with light gray center
- -older lesions are small, round, and sunken with a gray center, dark brown margin
- -yellow halo



Citrus Black Spot (Hard Spot)

- -small, round, sunken lesions
- -lesions have gray centers with brick red to black margins
- -fungal structures inside lesion appear as tiny black dots



Citrus Black Spot (Cracked Spot)

- -large, flat, dark brown lesions with raised cracks in surface
- -occurs on green and mature fruit



Citrus Black Spot (False Melanose)

- -numerous small, slightly raised tan to brown lesions
- -occurs on green fruit



Citrus Black Spot (Virulent Spot)

-small, reddish, irregularly shaped lesions



Citrus Blight

- -general decline of the tree
- -increased number of sprouts growing from the tree trunk or branches



Citrus Canker (leaves)

- -early symptoms appear as slightly raised tiny blister-like lesions
- -as lesions age, they turn tan to brown and a water soaked margin appears surrounded by a yellow ring or halo
- -center of the lesion becomes raised and corky
- -lesions are usually visible on both sides of the leaf



Citrus Canker (fruit)

- -lesions are dark brown to black and raised
- -often surrounded by yellow halo



Citrus Greening (leaves)

- -blotchy mottle pattern (asymmetrical)
- -yellow veins
- -corky veins on mature leaves



Citrus Greening (fruit)

- -externally lopsided, misshapen, small
- -color inversion off fruit rind (peel)
- -internally curved central core, yellowing beneath the calyx button, and aborted (undeveloped) seeds



Citrus Scab (leaves)

- -raised and sunken lesions on leaf
- -tan to gray in color
- -deforms leaf
- -rough to touch
- -wart-like



Citrus Scab (fruit)

- -begins with slightly raised pink-brown lesions
- -develops into wart-like, raised lesions
- -color changes to yellowish brown to dark gray



Foot Rot

- -bark cracking on trunk of tree
- -gumming
- -lesions can girdle trunk
- -found near the crown to below soil line



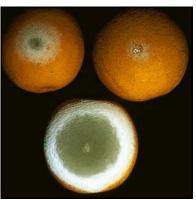
Greasy Spot (leaves)

- -looks like drops of oil
- -slightly raised
- -yellow halo appears and then disappears with age



### Greasy Spot Rind Blotch (Pink Pitting)

- -symptoms begin as bluish specks between oil glands
- -only on grapefruit
- -lesions start pink but become brown or black 3-6 months after infection



Green Mold (Postharvest)

- -enters only through injuries to peel
- -area first appears soft then white and olive-green
- -green area becomes surrounded by wide, white margin
- -green mold will cover entire fruit



Melanose (leaves)

- -small, raised lesions
- -red to brown in color
- -feels like sandpaper



Melanose (fruit)

- -lesions are reddish-brown and rough
- -feels like sandpaper



Postbloom Fruit Drop

- -flowers have peach to brown colored spots
- -causes young, developing fruit to drop



Root Rot

- -soft, water soaked roots
- -root cortex comes off to touch leaving thread-like tips



Sooty Mold

- -black ash-like covering on leaves, fruit and twigs
- -rubs off easily



Sour Rot (Postharvest)

- -soft, slimy decay
- -distinct sour odor
- -often times seen after long periods of storage



### Stem End Rot (Postharvest)

-leathery appearance beginning at the stem end stem end of the fruit and then spreading downward



<u>Tristeza</u>

- -small leaves
- -honeycombing below graft union
- -only found on sour orange rootstock



Windscar

- -light blemish on peel surface
- -light brown
- -no pattern



## Aschersonia

- -also known as friendly fungus
- -red or yellow raised growth covering whitefly nymphs



## Asian Citrus Psyllid

- -3 to 4 millimeters in size
- -brown mottled body
- -transparent wings
- -feeds at a 90° angle



Black Citrus Aphid

- -small, 1/15 inch long
- -reddish brown to nearly black
- -long legs



Blue Green Citrus Root Weevil

- -8 to 14 millimeter long
- -bright blue-green to aqua in color



**Brown Citrus Aphid** 

- -1.8 to 2.5 millimeters long
- -dark brown to black in color



#### Caribbean Black Scale

- -female is 3 to 5 millimeters long
- -oval in shape
- -ridges creates a distinct H pattern on back
- -dark brown to black



#### Caribbean Fruit Fly

- -adults are 12 to 15 millimeters long
- -yellowish brown in color with brown bands on abdomen
- -dark pattern on transparent wings



#### **Chaff Scale**

- -irregularly rounded to oblong in shape
- -color will vary, but is generally brownish
- -found on twigs, leaves, and fruit
- -no distinct markings on the body



Citrus Black Fly

- -adult is 1.2 millimeters longs
- -small, four-winged
- -black in color
- -eggs are laid in a spiral pattern



#### Citrus Leafminer

- -moth looks like a speck of dust
- -larva causes damage on upper or under side of leaf
- -larva creates a maze underneath leaf epidermis
- -brown lines with a shiny, glaze appearance



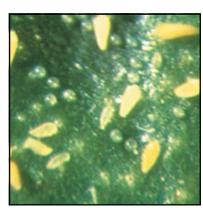
Citrus Mealybug

- -3 millimeters long
- -soft oval shaped
- -flattened and covered with a white powdery wax
- -segmented body
- -mobile
- -located under and around the calyx button of fruit or where two pieces of fruit touch each other



Citrus Red Mite

- -female is about 0.5 millimeters long
- -female is oval
- -male is smaller than the female and has a tapering abdomenn
- -males and females are a deep red color
- -the mite has eight legs



Citrus Rust Mite

- -adult is 0.13 millimeters long
- -elongated and wedge-shaped
- -light yellow in color



#### Citrus Snow Scale

- -female is 1.5 to 2.25 millimeters long
- -female is shaped like an oyster shell with one ridge down her back
- -females are dark brown in color and hard to see
- -juvenile male is white to light yellow and has three ridges down his back
- -adult male has wings
- -found mostly on the trunk and limbs of the trees



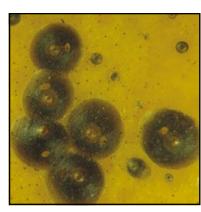
#### Cottony Cushion Scale

- -10 to 15 millimeters long (including egg sac)
- -scale is broadly oval
- -bright reddish brown in color with white egg sac



Diaprepes Root Weevil

- -9 to 20 millimeters long
- -orange back with black lines



Florida Red Scale

- -adult female is 2.02 to 2.2 millimeters long
- -round in shape
- -dark reddish brown with light brown center
- -three concentric rings
- -male is free-flying, gnat-like



Fullers Rose Beetle
-about 8 millimeters long
-brownish to gray in color
-all female and flightless



Glover's Scale

- -brown to purple in color
- -looks like an exclamation point



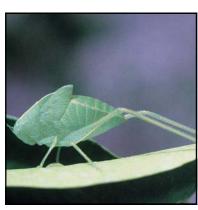
Grasshopper (American)

- -25 to 45 millimeters long
- -light brown with black markings



Green Citrus Aphid

- -1.8 millimeters long
- -green abdomen
- -pale pink to dark brown thorax



#### Katydid

- -50 to 64 millimeters long
- -bright green
- -long, hairlike antennae
- -4 segmented legs



Lady Beetle

- -many species
- -number of black or white spots, if any, vary



**Leaf Footed Plant Bug** 

- -20 millimeters long
- -dark brown
- -yellow band across the body
- -back legs look like a leaf



Mediterranean Fruit Fly

- -3.5 to 5 millimeters long
- -yellowish body with white, brown and black accents
- -two white bands on abdomen
- -black spots on thorax



### Orange Dog

- -35 to 65 millimeters in length
- -brown and white caterpillar
- -resembles bird droppings
- -can give off foul odor when aroused
- -projects red antennae when disturbed



Purple Scale

- -2 to 3 millimeters long
- -purple to dark brown in color
- -elongated and usually curved
- -shaped like a comma



Red Imported Fire Ant

- -0.13 to 0.25 inch long
- -reddish-brown to black in color



Six Spotted Mite

- -0.35 millimeters long
- -pale yellow in color
- -1 to 3 pairs of small dark spots along each side of the body
- -mite has eight legs



#### Southern Green Stink Bug

- -female is 12 millimeters long; male is slightly smaller
- -bright green
- -oval shaped
- -antennae has 5 segments



Texas Citrus Mite

- -0.4 millimeters long
- -males more slender than females
- -tan to brownish green
- -dark green to black spots on upper side of body



Whitefly

-adult usually 2-3 millimeters long

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