

The Affiliates of UC Riverside Luncheon

Monday - October 2, 2017



Will There Still Be Citrus Grown in California in Ten Years?

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Many of us remember the days when this entire region was bursting with the aroma of orange blossoms. Even today, you can drive down parts of Victoria Avenue and sometimes catch a whiff of that unmistakable smell. But the days of fragrant orange blossoms may be numbered. Thanks to a bacteria and a tiny insect.

Citrus Greening Disease, or Huanglongbing (HLB), is now here in Riverside. In barely ten years, the bacteria, which is carried by a tiny insect called the Asian Citrus Psyllid, has killed over 26 million trees in Brazil and has destroyed almost 70% of the citrus in Florida. HLB is 100% fatal to infected citrus trees. And now it is here. Found locally in two trees last month.

Building on many years of research efforts, UCR has been working with government and industry officials to fight HLB and keep it from spreading. Ongoing research efforts include breeding disease resistant plants, developing molecular tools to combat this disease, new treatment programs using insecticides and bactericides, introducing predators for the Asian Citrus Psyllid, and creating early disease detection techniques. At the October 2nd Affiliates meeting, learn about this citrus disease and what UCR researchers are doing to stop it.

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Fruit from a Tree Infected With HLB

With A Delicious Lunch Buffet Featuring:

- Tequila Lime Chicken** - lime and tequila marinated chicken garnished with a mango slaw
- Southwest Caesar Salad** - Romaine lettuce, shredded Cotija cheese, tortilla chips, red and yellow bell peppers, and roasted corn served with a chipotle Caesar dressing
- Cilantro Rice, Black Beans, Spiced Melon, Petite Dessert Cups, Rolls, and Beverages**

Monday, October 2, 2017 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
UCR Alumni & Visitors Center - 3701 Canyon Crest Drive
\$20.00 for members and \$25.00 for non-members

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