

4th ALERT! CBB Very Serious

Again!! Many farmers that thought they did not have the pest have found out that they do. Some worst than thought. We are getting confirmation of damage up to 90% in some locales

Mycotrol O and Botanigard ES seems to be working. The rains seem to help some in keeping the fungus alive a little longer. Dry weather may hinder some but we believe spraying must be kept up.

Traps are working also but servicing and cost is high

Follow the Label! When using all pesticides.

If questions call 328-2411

Coffee Berry Borer Trap and spraying workshop

Our workshop went well and had over 60 in attendance. We will try to continue having these workshops to better educate ourselves and farmers to try and protect this industry.

CBB Bait Bottles for sale.

We have 2 ounce plastic bottles with screw lids for sale at 50 cents each.

Notes on our un-scientific CBB experiences over the last 6 months on 10 farms 1-12 acres 700-2,000 ft elevation

Traps work: One 12 acre farm we have been helping and maintaining 3,000 traps space 10-15 feet apart. Trees with traps seems to have less damage.

Using 2 ounce bait bottles with a 1/4 inch evaporation hole. At 2,000 feet elev it last about 5 weeks if not too dry. During the last month baits go empty in about 3 weeks. Soap solution service and evaporation rates parallel bait performance. Servicing these traps takes about 16 hours using about 25 gallons of bait and 120 gals of soap solution.

Mycotrol O and Botanigard ES also seems to be effective. Spraying has been at a 3 week interval with the first application being relative heavy to the ground and trees. Wet weather seems to help the fungus longevity and effectiveness with dryer weather impacting by shorter effectiveness and growth. PPE and worker safety seems to be the biggest hurdle by being expensive due to training, supplies and materials per label and OSHA requirement.

Outer boundaries and roadways of most farm seems to have more damage, so we are trying to protect crop internally since we cannot control neighbors actions

Our next plan of action is to do a test in creating a clear-cut buffer zone around perimeter of the farm. We know this is a loss of production but need to experiment if it could provide crop protection by better farm and pest isolation.

Cost at present is very high, but we feel that this is a learning curve and educational issue that we must go through if we expect this industry to survive. Efficiencies will increase for we have been experiencing that ourselves. "Hang in There"

