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Quarantine E-news

"United against Hunger"



Booths by Quarantine, SFA & SROS

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the World Food Day. The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries together with the rest of the world celebrated this annual event. The theme "United against hunger" recognizes the efforts made in the fight against world hunger at the national, regional and international levels.

Despite the bad weather people crowded in to view display booth by various organizations including the Scientific Research

Organization (SROS), Food and Agriculture (FAO) Office. The Samoa Farmers Association (SFA) used this opportunity to display and sell their varieties of fruits & vegetables. Quarantine through its awareness campaigns also participated in this event showcasing its roles and responsibilities. These activities were in line with the theme where it became a reality when "the state and civil society organizations and the private sector work in partnership at all levels to defeat hunger, extreme poverty and malnutrition".

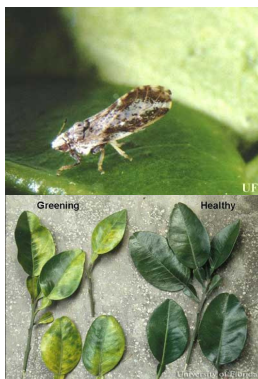
Citrus green suspected in American Samoa

Citrus greening is caused by the Asian citrus psyllid (AsCP) (*Diaphorina citri*) which is the efficient vector for this serious bacterial disease, thus a pest of citrus and its close relatives.

Damages/Symptoms

The feeding causes leaf distortion and curling which results from the withdrawal of sap from the foliage. Sooty mold will develop on the honeydew covered leaves.

- Stunted sparsely foliated trees
- Twig dieback, leaf and fruit drop



-Small lopsided hard fruit with small dark aborted seeds

Dispersion

Weak fliers and spread long distances by wind and man.

Quarantine border officials are made aware of the situation at hand and a reminder for all as we strive to keep Samoa from entry of exotic pests and disease.



"An apple a day keeps the doctor away"

The Import Risk Analysis for Apples from China is complete. The import permit for the importation of this commodity is now available at our main office.

Keep us informed by calling us instantly on 20924 or 42048 during after hours