



# CARIBBEAN PLANT HEALTH DIRECTORS

PROTECTING CARIBBEAN AGRICULTURE

## Citrus Greening

Citrus greening known as 'huanglongbing' or yellow dragon disease is a plant disease. There is no cure for the disease once the tree is infected. The disease is spread by the Asian citrus psyllid ('Diaphorina citri Kuwayama' or ACP). Currently the disease is found in California, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Texas, and the U.S Virgin Islands. The disease is not currently present in the Caribbean countries.

### What does it do?

The disease affects mandarin, tangelo, and sweet orange plants. The flow of minerals and sugar that the plant needs is restricted due to the disease as it weakens the trees ability to take in sustenance, which often results in lesser or tinier fruits.



### What can we do?

- Avoid moving plant materials or plants from areas the disease or insect is present.
- Citrus plants that are imported should be accompanied by a USDA certificate.
- Make sure fruits are following plant quarantine protocols.