

Assessing Tree Recovery From Hurricane Ian— We are Looking for Grower Involvement

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Why?

Growers affected by flooding and high winds from Hurricane Ian have seen the immediate effects, but the stress to the trees will have longer lasting effects as well. We don't know how big these effects will be or how long trees take to recover.

What?

We want to survey trees around the state to learn how long it takes trees to recover physiologically, which will help us predict growth and production. We need trees from a wide variety of locations to be able to understand how the different windspeeds, flooding and topography impacted how the trees suffered and recover. We are also looking for a range of treatments, like IPCs or reflective mulch. Our assessment will not harm the trees, and we won't apply any treatments ourselves.

Who?

You! We are looking for growers with Valencia- or Hamlin-type sweet oranges, or grapefruits from around the state. The only things we will need from you are locations, permission, and some background information, like flooding. The rest will be on us. We won't share any grower-specific information with anyone else, but we will share our observations with participants.

If you are willing, please send an email with your name and phone number to Christopher Vincent (civince@ufl.edu).