

## Current Research Objectives

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**Research topic:** Citrus propagation

**Primary Research Objective(s):** Comparing citrus trees that have been propagated using new technologies (tissue culture) with trees propagated in the traditional fashion (by seed).

**Research Goal:** Demonstrating suitability of alternative tree propagation methods and thereby increasing the availability of new superior citrus varieties with HLB tolerance.

**Outcomes to date:** We have demonstrated that citrus trees propagated with the new technology are not inferior to traditionally propagated trees during the early stages of growth. The number of citrus trees propagated by tissue culture has sky-rocket and field trials have been established with growers to monitor tree performance in the long-term.

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