

## Current Research Objectives

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**Research topic:** Citrus Horticultural Management

**Primary Research Objective(s):** New methods to reduce Preharvest Fruit Drop

**Research Goal:** Reduce mature fruit drop in Hamlin and Valencia and increase grower returns.

**Outcomes to date:** A new hormonal therapy is being assayed to restore the hormonal balances in HLB affected trees. We see some effect in retaining the fruit on the tree after the treatments. This is a new project so initial data is still being collected. Results will be reported as available.

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