

STRATEGIC PLANNING
FOR THE FLORIDA CITRUS INDUSTRY
Addressing Citrus Greening Disease



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HLB Update to CRDF

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Topics for Today

- ❖ **Coca-Cola's Response to Citrus Greening**
- ❖ **What we have done**
- ❖ **What we have learned**
- ❖ **What we are thinking about**

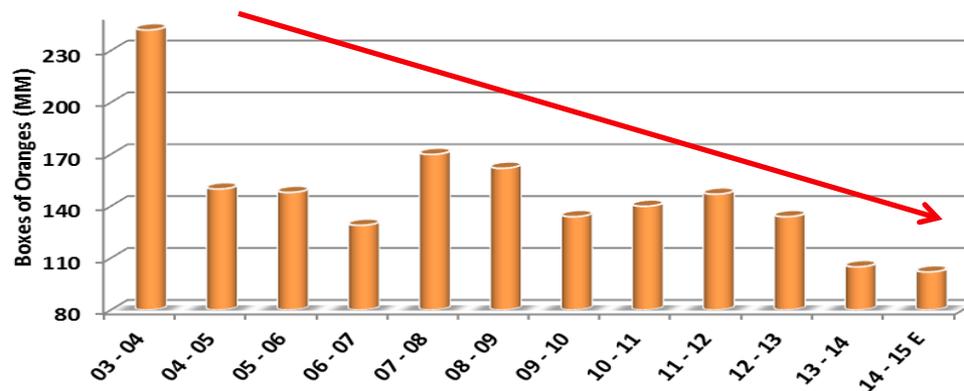
THE COCA-COLA COMPANY IS THE LARGEST USER OF CITRUS IN THE WORLD

Together with our
Partner Cutrale we
have invested more
than \$14 Million
Dollars in HLB
Research

HLB Impact

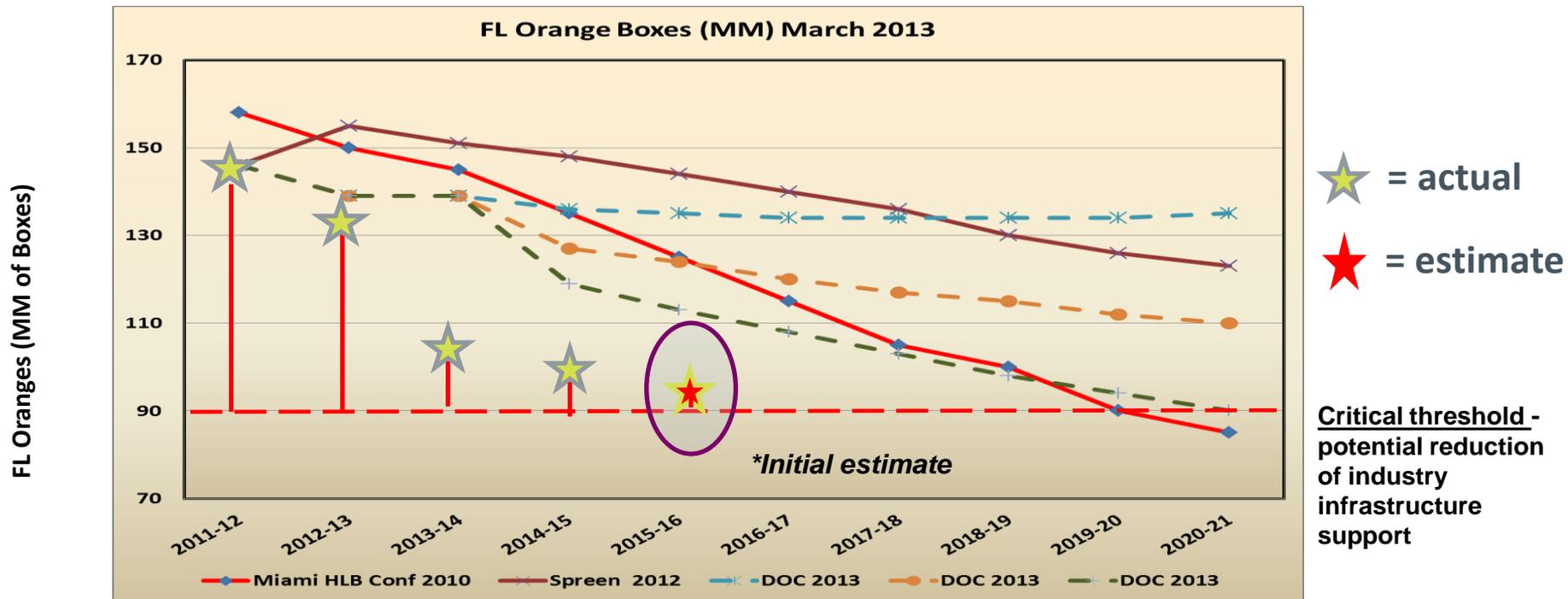
- ❖ HLB now affects every major citrus producing geography other than the Mediterranean (vector now in Spain, vector and pathogen in California & Argentina)
- ❖ HLB economic impact in Florida
 - Loss of thousands of permanent jobs
 - Loss of millions of citrus trees
 - Loss of billions of dollars
- ❖ HLB affects all citrus species
 - Fruit yield down, Fruit size down, Fruit drop up
 - Fruit & Juice quality trending down
 - Potentially by-products compromised

Florida Orange Production



On the current trajectory, citrus production forecasts in Florida are bleak

! Actual production has been below worst case models for last four years !



Brazil is also at risk

- 34 Million Trees lost in the last 10 years
- Another 40 Million Trees at risk



Industry & Coca-Cola Response Timeline

2008

- Industry contacted National Academy of Sciences
- Expert panels formed in April
- Research projects prioritized in December

2009

- Formation of CRDF (Citrus Research and Development Foundation)
- Current operating practices put in place for selecting & funding projects
- Initial projects funded at ~ \$20MM/yr.

2010

- Coca-Cola HLB conference in Miami
- Coca-Cola & Cutrale announce funding program for CRDF – combined \$1 MM per year for 3 years

2011

- Initial TCCC & Cutrale funding of three year commitment to CRDF (\$500K per year each)
- Focus on Psyllid management, RNAi, antimicrobials, genetic resistance or tolerance in citrus trees

2013

- Coca-Cola announces long term purchase agreements to incent planting trees in Florida - \$2 Billion
- TCCC – Fortune 100 – CRDF collaboration initiated to explore therapeutics for infected trees

2014

- Coca-Cola engages Agrochemical companies: Bayer, BASF, Monsanto, Syngenta and others
- Coca-Cola renews funding for CRDF at same level (\$500K per year)



Current Activity

- 2013-2014: Developed therapeutic platform with fortune 100 company
- 2015: Entered collaboration with agrochemical company to evaluate efficacy, bioavailability and design methodology of the therapeutic platform as proof of concept
- 2015: Recruiting and developing funding for world class expert to culture *C. Las* the causative bacterium for HLB
- 2015: Continued support of industry effort and recruiting additional resources
- In the last five years TCCC has invested more than \$14,000,000 in HLB research

Year	in \$Million			Total
	CRDF	USDA/MAC	USDA/NIFA	
2009	7			7
2010	16			16
2011	15			15
2012	18			18
2013	17			17
2014	18	7	25	50
2015	15	7	25	47
Total 2009 - 2015 =>				170



Road Map for Florida – “Pockets of Sustainability”

What will happen to citrus in Florida over the next 20 years?

- High population of psyllids
- Rapid spread of bacteria
- Trees showing signs of disease and decline
- Significant drop in production
- Research programs initiated

**Pockets of
Devastation
2007 - 2012**

- Maximum concentration of pathogen
- More than 90% of trees infected
- Orange production falls below 100 MM boxes
- 3-5 Citrus plants continue operation
- Significant acreage and trees are lost
- Flavor management and Brazilian imports are critical to sustain supply and quality

**Widespread
Devastation
2013 - 2018**

- Large scale new plantings provide improved yields
- High density plantings
- Therapeutic strategies initiated begin to reduce pathogen
- New psyllid management technologies dramatically reduce populations
- Old acreage continues to decline

**Pockets of
Sustainability
2018 - 2025**

- Citrus is grown in large plantings
- All new groves are high density
- Trees planted with HLB tolerance are increasing in number with improved fruit yield
- Improved therapeutics maintain tree health
- Psyllid populations are in decline

**Widespread
Sustainability
2026 - 2035**

Assessment & Next Steps

- Aggressive and costly grove management practices are known and work
- Cost of best practices is too high for long term stability and contributes to the decline in OJ consumption
- The pace of replanting in FL is too slow
- Long term HLB solutions are years away

Two Opportunities to Consider

- Coordinated industry effort to Replant FL under best management guidelines
- Industry consortium working with commercial companies with capabilities, infrastructure and an economic incentive to deliver new products and services

Goals of Replant Florida

- ❖ **Manage HLB in the Bridge to Citrus Generation II**
- ❖ **Restore Florida Citrus Productivity**
- ❖ **Improve Florida Fruit & Juice Quality**
- ❖ **Survive & Search for the Cure**
 - ❑ **Single solutions will not be sufficient**
 - ❑ **Integrated systems will be needed**

Enablers for Replant Florida

❖ Science & Education

- Best Practices
- Strategy & Roadmap for Success

❖ Infrastructure

❖ Political Support

- Tax Incentives
- Abandoned Acreage Solution
- Inoculum Removal Solution

HLB Consortium Concept

The Opportunity:

To engage key Agro Chemical Companies and other related businesses and challenge them to work on viable solution sets to help control Citrus Greening/HLB. Obtain access to untapped expertise, know-how, trade secrets and IP residing in commercial companies.

The Challenge:

Citrus is a small market for agrochemical companies. Return on investment may not meet required business threshold.

The Solution:

Build a consortium of companies with common interests in citrus to engage agrochemical companies and subsidize early R&D investments in Proof of Concept and Early Development phases

Agrochemical and Biotech R&D cost & time	Discovery	Proof of Concept	Early Development	Advanced Development	Prelaunch
Duration (months)	54	27	30	37	49
Cost (millions) [annual cost]	31	28 [12]	14 [5.6]	46	17

Why B to B?

- Leverage influence across entire business portfolio not limited to citrus not limited by geography
- Expedite access to business case development and justification
- Mutual shared interests drives urgency
- Commercial focus is foundation
- Members have global reach and access with broad capabilities and Market Power