State & Federal Citrus Research Funding

One of Florida Citrus Mutual’s primary goals since the discovery of HLB is securing invasive pest and disease research dollars from the state and federal government to supplement grower assessments.

Currently, there are about $66 million in ongoing citrus research projects. About $50 million is grower assessment-funded.

*Source: CRDF
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State Appropriations

- 2008 – $2 million
- 2009 – $500,000
- 2010 – $1 million (vetoed by Gov. Crist)
- 2011 – $2 million (vetoed by Gov. Scott)
- 2012 – $2 million
- 2013 – $8 million
- 2014 – preliminary request for one-time appropriation and recurring dollars

Total delivered – $12.5 million
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Federal Appropriations/Grants

• 2008 – $1.2 million to ARS (Rep. Allen Boyd)
• 2011 – $2 million to ARS (Senator Bill Nelson)
• 2012 – $9 million to CRDF (Senator Bill Nelson)
• 2013 – ?

Total delivered – $12.2 million

• Discretionary USDA funds – Secretary Vilsack
• Specialty Crop Research Initiative
• Specialty Crop Block Grants – $752,000 just announced
• Appropriations
At current citrus production levels, the amount of state and federal investments in citrus research amount to about 16 cents per box.
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The National Citrus Research Trust Fund

• Long-term funding source; eliminates the need for piecemeal efforts
• Derived from tariff on imported citrus, primarily OJ
• Could raise up to $30 million per year for citrus research
• Managed by stakeholders
• Help head off next threat – CVC, Sudden Death Leprosis
• House – 853  • Senate – 220
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