To: Farm Advisors, Researchers, and Cooperators
From: J. M. Ogawa

RE: UPDATE ON BOTRYTIS BLIGHT AND PISTACHIO EPICARP LESION PROGRAM.

Botrytis blight:

On April 5, we began our Benlate sprays for residue analyses at three sites, i.e. Butte County (Don Hutfless, owner), Placer County (Dave Fiddyment, owner) and Madera County (Rocky Teranishi, Farm advisor). Two sprays were applied ca. week apart at a rate of 6 oz/100 gal water (12 oz/acre). Approximately 2 lbs. of nuts will be taken per tree (total three trees sprayed per site) for residue tests in September.

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In addition, we have initiated the bagging experiments. Nylon mesh bags are used to cover fruit clusters at two week intervals, beginning April 9, at six orchard sites, i.e. Butte County (Don Hutfless), Placer County (Dave Fiddyment), Madera County (2 sites, Rocky Teranishi), Kings County (Donnie Rose, Manager) and Kern County (Joe Maranto, Farm Advisor). Such bags are used to minimize exposure of developing fruits to insects.

Lastly, Dr. Jerry Uyemoto has replaced Dr. Hasan Bolkan on the project. Jerry will continue the work initiated last year and will be in charge of the day to day operations required to complete this year's objectives. I welcome Jerry and hope that you give him your cooperation.

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