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Re: Arizona Citrus Assessment Program – Research Grant Awards

Dear Arizona Citrus Grower,

As you are probably aware, there are current challenges facing the Arizona citrus industry, i.e. brown wood rot disease and agricultural water use, Citrus Greening Disease (HLB or Huanglongbing), not to mention ongoing and potential costs for research on rootstocks, other diseases, pests and pesticides, irrigation practices, food safety issues, etc. The ACRC had previously been unable to provide the level of financial support necessary for research to help address these challenges.

On September 29, 2021, pursuant to A.R.S. § 3-468.04(A), the ACRC voted to increase the Arizona Citrus Assessment for research from the previous assessment of \$0.015 per carton to \$0.05 per carton and to add the same assessment of \$0.05 per carton equivalent for citrus that is shipped for by-products, primarily juice.

On December 7, 2021, the ACRC considered more than \$161,000 in requests for research funding. The increased assessment has allowed the ACRC to provide nearly \$100,000 for research on some of the critical areas mentioned above. Three awards were granted to the University of Arizona as follows:

PI	Project Title	Funding Awarded
Dr. Alex Hu	Brown Wood Rot Diseases of Lemon: A Search for New Methods of Chemical Control	\$40,000.00
Dr. Glenn Wright	Citrus Rootstock Evaluation — 2022	\$28,684.00
Dr. Glenn Wright	Field Trials to Reduce Brown Wood Rot 2022	\$31,142.00

Please address any questions you may have to me via e-mail at ljames@azda.gov.

Sincerely,

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