



The Citrus Research Program is the grower-funded and grower-directed program established in 1968 under the California Marketing Act as the mechanism enabling the state’s citrus producers to sponsor and support needed research. The program is administered by the Citrus Research Board.

The CRB Executive Committee recommended the following priorities in January 2017:

1. Field implementation of Early Detection Technologies.
2. The use of EDTs within a systems approach to rapidly identify infected trees.
3. Breeding of new rootstock and scion varieties to provide resistance or tolerance to *Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus* (CLas), the presumed causal agent of huanglongbing (HLB).
4. Alternative methods of culturing the CLas bacterium.
5. Further development of CLas bactericides.

January 2018 Update

- An External Review of the CRB funded HLB program was conducted in 2017, completing in September. A final report is available online for review (http://citrusresearch.org/wp-content/uploads/HLB-External-Review_FINAL-Report.pdf).
 - The report highlighted a needed emphasis on short-term, medium-term and long-term goals for project development.
 - A strategic planning meeting with the full board is scheduled for the end of the month to review current funding approach and to implement recommendations.
- Current Support – As highlighted in Figure 1 below, the Citrus Research Board allocated approx. \$7.5 million to research projects for the 2017-18 FY.

- Projects associated with development and release of New Varieties are receiving 35% of funding.
- HLB and ACP related projects not associated with new variety development make up 45% of the budget.

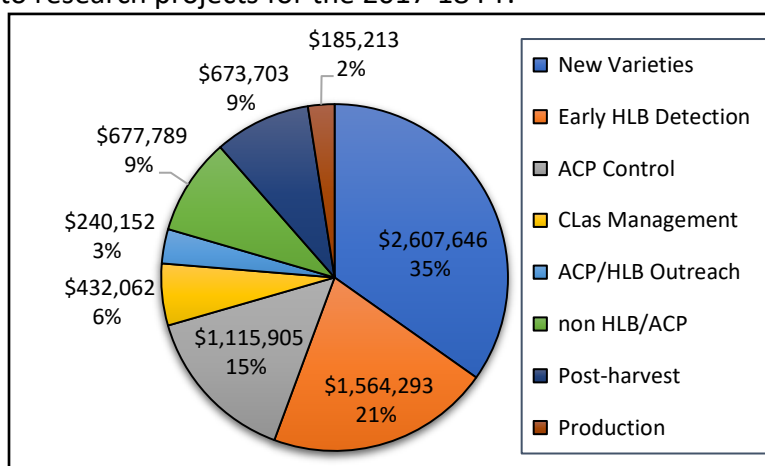


Figure 1. 2017-18 FY CRB research projects, categorized by research topic.