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If you have been considering mechanical harvesting but are concerned about losing next season’s ‘Valencia’ fruitlets, you might want to read about a study being conducted by members of the IFAS Citrus Mechanical Harvesting (MH) team. Drs. Jim Syvertsen and Juan-Carlos Melgar at CREC-Lake Alfred, delayed bloom 3 weeks in ‘Valencia’ trees using winter drought stress and improved fruitlet retention during late season MH. The smaller young green fruitlets on previously droughted trees were less susceptible to late season MH losses.

Read more about Drs. Syvertsen and Melgar’s study at <http://citrusMH.ifas.ufl.edu> by clicking on Tree Health. Here you will find more information on this and other studies being conducted to advance proficiency of citrus mechanical harvesting.