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Dr. Tim Spann, a horticulturist and member of the IFAS Citrus Mechanical Harvesting & Abscission program recently completed a report summarizing data from one year on debris from mechanical harvesting systems. The study, conducted during the 2007-2008 harvesting season, was done to determine the effects of mechanical harvesting systems on the amount of debris accumulated in a harvested load of fruit compared to hand harvesting. The report, entitled “Mechanical Harvesting Systems and CMNP Effects on Debris Accumulation in Loads of Citrus Fruit” is available at the mechanical harvesting website <http://citrusmh.ifas.ufl.edu>. Click on either “Processor Issues” or “Site Updates” to download the file to view. You will also find more information here on Dr. Spann’s and the other team members programs.