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The IFAS Citrus Mechanical Harvesting & Abcission Team met on May 26th with an advisory committee in southwest Florida to report the progress made during the 2009-2010 citrus season. Dr. Reza Ehsani, a mechanical engineer at CREC, reported that he has been developing a piece of equipment that removes debris prior to the fruit being loaded into road trailers. The equipment, which is being used primarily for research purposes, consists of a pinch cleaner, blowers, and extended de-stemmers. Preliminary tests showed that the de-trasher eliminates all the trash from the load thus obtaining a clean load of fruit. To learn more about this and the other research projects, visit our website at <http://citrusMH.ifas.ufl.edu>.