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During the April 2012 International Symposium on Mechanical Harvesting and Handling Systems of Fruits and Nuts, Dr. Mireia Bordas, Agronomic Engineer with Agromillora Research, SL in Barcelona, Spain, reported on high density citrus planting in Spain. Several Spanish citrus growers are exploring economic feasibility of high density planting as a strategy to enhance their market competitiveness. Since 2008 Agromillora has been working collaboratively with IFAPA-Centro 'Las Torres' and with IVIA-Research Center to develop dwarfing rootstocks, new canopy shaping techniques and crop management practices. Over-the-row harvesting equipment is being tested. A video clip showed a New Holland grape harvester being used to harvest Agromillora’s field trials. Dr. Bordas’ presentation can be found at: <http://citrusmh.ifas.ufl.edu>.