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Update on Continuous Canopy Shake Systems

The OXBO International Corporation reports that sales of citrus mechanical harvesting equipment have slowed this year in Florida. They are, however, seeing a lot of interest and sales activity outside the United States. Their plans in 2008 are to focus on updates and enhancements to current equipment. Further, OXBO has opened a full service shop for their machines located in LaBelle, Florida.

Oxbo is presently the only manufacturer building commercial equipment for citrus harvesting. They continue to work on a new tree sprayer that should enhance the application of abscission, and in January 2008, they plan to deliver a new Pickup machine to Florida. The new version has a larger pick-up head and a redesigned cab. If you are interested in learning more about the continuous canopy shake systems you can contact them at www.oxbocorp.com.

If you are interested in learning more about the economics of the citrus mechanical harvesting machines, please go to our website at <http://citrusmh.ifas.ufl.edu>. Or, if you want to determine which machine would be better for you visit www.citrustool.ifas.ufl.edu.