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Addressing processor issues was an objective for the IFAS Citrus Mechanical Harvesting team during the 2009-2010 season. Dr. Michelle Danyluk looked at the evaluation of microbiology of the surface of citrus fruit collected during CMNP (abscission) trials for Hamlin and Valencia varieties. In her studies Michelle found that there was no increase in any of the organisms normally found on fruit collected from the ground and fruit that was treated with CMNP and collected on the ground. CMNP application did not significantly change the fruit microflora.

For further information on this and other studies conducted by the Citrus Mechanical Harvesting Program team, please visit our website at <http://citrusMH.ifas.ufl.edu>.