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On June 29, the UF/IFAS Citrus Mechanical Harvesting & Abscission Team met with their advisory committee to discuss their progress during the 2010-11 Season. Much of the program research was conducted in preparation for the EPA’s registration of the abscission compound, CMNP. Dr. Bob Ebel reported on the late season abscission trials. His results showed that you could achieve 76-90% removal with abscission at lower harvester settings. The trials are scheduled to continue next season to monitor yield effects. In addition to research into the best application rates for CMNP and harvester settings to maximize the fruit recovery, other research included evaluating over-the-row harvesters, high-density plantings, tree stress, and fruit quality.

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