

CITRUS PEST INFORMATION

Citrus Thrips (T)

Identification	Thrips developmental stages Thrips 1st instar Thrips 2nd instar Thrips adult Citrus thrips larva	Female Citrus Thrips Male Citrus Thrips Antennae of uniform colouration Dark and distinct wing scales Black femoral comb on hind leg of male Abdominal bands narrow, dark and distinct Pair of dark protruding drepana at the tip of the male abdomen
Damage	Early damage Late damage Thrips scribbling	
Natural Enemies	Predacious mite with thrips Predacious mites Scouting position for predacious mites	
Monitoring	Thrips trapping - 3 traps per hectare - Place in diagonal line - Check and replace traps weekly - Check with magnifying glass Sticky yellow traps	Scout / trap to monitor presence After petal drop, scout on fruit & under calyx Scout weekly / twice weekly
Thresholds	Thrips preventative treatment - Inspect spring flush - Yellow card traps	Thrips larvae sliding scale threshold Infestation (%) Weeks after petal fall