

New threat to U.S. orange crop

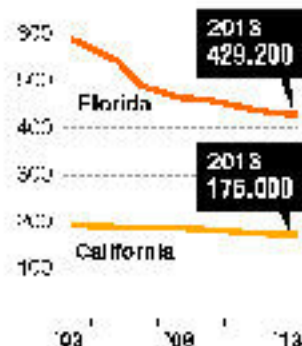
Citrus greening, a bacterial disease that kills citrus trees, is spread by Asian psyllid insects first seen in Florida in 1998.

- For Asian psyllid (insect)
- Part of state for psyllid
- For citrus greening and psyllid



Growing orange trees

Acres cultivated for the two biggest producing states, in thousands



Little bug, big problem

- Bacteria not harmful to humans
- Infected insect spreads disease as it feeds on the leaves and stems of citrus trees
- Also spread by moving infected plants, bud wood and leaves
- Once tree is infected, there is no cure: dies in about five years

Damaged fruit

Taste bitter, sour, medicinal

Fruit with citrus greening

Smaller than usual

Lopsided

Poorly colored

