

Ventura & Yolo Vector Monitoring – Bob Gilbertson – July 27, 2026

Things continue to be relatively quiet in our monitored pepper fields.

In Ventura we are seeing an increase in psyllids, particularly in the Oxnard Plain and recommending growers to check their fields and consider spraying if they observe high populations to avoid the psyllid yellows we observed last August.

In our fields in Yolo, we continue to see low levels of spotted wilt, even in resistant varieties (indicating the resistance-breaking pepper TSWV is out there) but the in-field spread has not been noticeable, which could reflect the spray program and a decline in thrips numbers on YSCs. Cascabella fields being harvested, and sirachas are still going strong and showing striking spotted wilt symptoms, but incidence is ~5%.

Best regards,

Bob