



CITRUS RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION GROWER RESEARCH REPORT

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CRDF Reviews Research Portfolio

Each year the CRDF conducts a complete review of its portfolio, encompassing all active projects in the research (Citrus Advanced Technology Program, CATP) and commercial product delivery (CPD). During this review, we engage project managers, peer reviewers, committees and board in the evaluation of ongoing projects and the need to consider new projects. Since CRDF projects are contacted for up to three years, a significant portion of our portfolio matures each year. The purpose of this review is to evaluate the progress of ongoing projects and to determine to what extent the projects are on time and on budget. With the complexity of working with HLB, projects may not always perform as originally planned. In addition, the review allows CRDF to identify results that should be moved to the next level, such as field trials or commercialization. Since growers are most interested in transforming research results into solutions that can be implemented, this step is vital.

In December-January of 2015-2016, the first phase of this review was performed, involving program and project managers as well as the Commercial Product Delivery Committee (CPDC) and Research Management Committee (RMC). All projects which were active at the start of the budget year, July 1, 2015 were reviewed, including projects that have been added to the portfolio in the ensuing period. During this review, projects that provide Service and Support to the industry and/or to the research community were partitioned from the normal RMC and CPD, allowing managers and the CRDF community to evaluate the needs for this area of delivering solutions separately. Projects in this arena include the PCR labs funded by CRDF to support grower and researcher needs, and the various assay projects that have constructed to test bactericides for effectiveness against HLB. Support for CHMAs and CRDF-managed field trials also fall into this category.

The CRDF portfolio is comprised of the following elements going into the review:

Program	Continuing past 7-1-2016	Ending by 6-30-2016	Total Projects
CATP Research	29	46	75
Commercial Product Delivery	9	19	28
Service and Support	9	15	24
Total Projects	47	80	127

Each project was evaluated based on its objectives, timeline and budget, taking into consideration how far along the project was in meeting its goals. Quarterly Progress Reports on each research project (See citrusrdf.org for these reports) were reviewed and discussed. For projects that have ended since July 1, 2015, the final reports also were reviewed. Project Managers contacted the investigators on many projects to discuss specific progress and possible next steps.

Results of the project managers' review of the projects then were shared with the Research Management Committee and Commercial Product Delivery Committee, who also were assigned to review the project status and be prepared to evaluate the need for next phase. Each committee met in February, and following a walk-through of the projects and progress, recommended a list of projects that should continue as planned, and a second list of projects that may be invited for full proposal development. These recommendations then were presented at the January 26 Board of Directors Meeting, where approval of a list of projects eligible for invitation of fill proposals for new funding occurred. In some cases, further communication with investigators is necessary to determine need and scope for additional proposal development. A summary table of these outcomes follows.

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Upcoming Board & Committee Meetings

Most meetings are held in the Ben Hill Griffin Hall at the UF-IFAS, CREC campus in Lake Alfred, Florida.

2/23/16 - Board of Directors Meeting 9:30 am



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Program	Continuing past 7-1-2016	Invited for Full Proposal	Further Consideration	No further Action Recommended
CATP Research	29	7	2	37
Commercial Product Delivery	9	2	9	8
Service and Support	9	3	7	5
Total Projects	47	12	18	52

CRDF has been in place since 2009, and is conducting a strategic planning review. Results of this review will provide guidance for future direction for most important HLB interventions and how best to invest resources and manage projects to reach these goals. The timing of the planning process tracks well with the portfolio review discussed above, allowing CRDF to consider strategic direction forward as full proposals are being reviewed. Given this planning activity, CRDF is cautiously moving forward with new projects, pending the delivery and adoption of new directions and priorities.



CRDF President Tom Jerkins recognized Robert Stambaugh (left) and Dr. Joseph Joyce (right) for their service on the Citrus Research and Development Foundation Board at the January meeting. Stambaugh, a citrus grower and Winter Haven attorney, and Joyce, Director of the IFAS Center for Leadership, stepped down from the CRDF Board after six years. Jerkins praised both men's commitment to the industry and hard work. He also commended them for the amount of time volunteered to the Foundation. Jeanna Mastrodicasa, IFAS' Associate Vice President for Operations, replaced Joyce while Highlands County grower Johnathan (Ned) Hancock replaced Stambaugh. In related news, the CRDF Board has elected its officers; Tom Jerkins, President; Ricke A. Kress, Vice President; Hugh W. Thompson III, Treasurer; Jerome H. (Jerry) Newlin, Secretary.

Strategic Planning Results Unveiled in February

The Citrus Research and Development Foundation will unveil findings from a four month strategic planning process at its February 23 Board meeting.

The strategic plan is designed to further focus the CRDF's mission as the Florida citrus industry continues to battle HLB and other challenges.

"We've learned a lot about ourselves over the past three months," said Dr. Harold Browning, the CRDF's chief operating officer. "Now the key is to assemble those learnings into a report presentation that we can use as a road map going forward."

The CRDF has engaged the Business Talent Group (BTG) to manage the process which included extensive interviews with CRDF Board members, growers and other stakeholders. To date, BTG has conducted interviews with more than 40 individuals.

The goal is to undertake an updated and vetted process to define CRDF focus, planning, budget allocations, organization and stakeholder engagement for the next 6 years. The Foundation wants to utilize the recommendations during the 2016-2017 budget planning process.