

**PEST:** Citrus Canker (*Xanthomonas axonopodis* pv. *citri* [Xac])

**BASIC PROFILE:** CC is a bacterium causing lesions on leaves, stems and fruit of citrus plants. Lesions have raised, brown, water-soaked margins, usually with a yellow halo. It spreads through wind-driven rain (storms) and on infected equipment. It can also move across distances in citrus nursery stock and hurricanes. CC causes leaves and fruit to drop prematurely; infected fruit is safe to eat but unsightly to sell. Florida was the only U.S. state with CC until it was found in Louisiana in 2013. USDA maintains a federal quarantine for CC. A state quarantine is also in place for the following parishes: Jefferson, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James and St. John.

**LDAF ACTIVITY:** LDAF and USDA continue to conduct visual surveys in commercial and residential areas. Routine visual inspections for CC at marketplace locations are performed. When CC symptomatic plants are found at these locations, stop sales are issued and sample(s) taken. If the results are positive for CC, the stop ordered plants are destroyed. Louisiana-grown citrus nursery stock cannot move out of the state's CC-quarantined areas or to other states unless grown in enclosed structures that meet USDA requirements.

