

Experiences of management of the newly established groves under severe HLB stress in China

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Field experiments and management practices on HLB in the newly established citrus groves in China indicate that HLB and ACP complex can be well managed, even under the most severe disease stress environment. The long-term success requires grower to implement ACP management even under the unfavorable economic condition (low citrus price). The success and failure of several groves will be discussed, from the early 1950s to present.

Currently, U.S. and Chinese scientists are conducting a nation-wide HLB and ACP survey and field method develops in China. Total 9 projects are being undertaken. The values of these projects to the Western growers will be discussed.