Advice from the Citrus Varieties Collection/UCR January 11, 2007

The forecast for the weekend here is clear skies (no inversion) with the coldest temperatures in the mid to upper twenties for short periods. The coldest part of the station is the west, near Chicago Ave. The warmest is the east (e.g. CVC). With clear skies and this level of frost potential, the recommended frost protection is water. Wind machines are not particularly effective, though we will likely be running the electric wind machines on the very young trees in fields 11 and 13. We will be pretty much keeping the soil wet everywhere. At this time, we do not think the CVC is going to be exposed to 'severe' cold threat this weekend. Still, we are concerned and will still be applying water to the CVC with the other fields.