

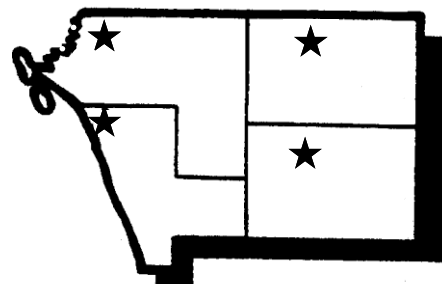
West Central Citrus Letter

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April 7, 2014

Citrus Irrigation Workshop, April 29, Arcadia

The Extension Service will be hosting a “Citrus Irrigation Workshop” on April 29th at the Turner Exhibition Hall in Arcadia. The program will begin at 9:45 AM with registration and cover five irrigation related topics. All topics relate to irrigation scheduling, water use, and are tied into how to best use irrigation where you have HLB infected trees.

The program is free to attend. However, advanced registration is required to ensure adequate number of lunches for all participants. You can register by calling DeSoto County Extension Service office at 863-993-4846, by email to robinscott0811@ufl.edu or by mailing the registration form to DeSoto County Extension, 2150 NW Roan Street, Arcadia, FL 34266. Lunch being sponsored by Jain Irrigation, Inc.

Private and Core Restricted Use Pesticide License Review and Testing, May 13, 2014, Wauchula

A three-hour pesticide license review and testing class will be held on Tuesday, May 13 at the Hardee County Extension Service Office, 507 Civic Center Drive in Wauchula. The class will review the materials contained in the test to obtain a Private Applicator pesticide license. The class will begin at 9:00 AM and conclude at noon with the test being given at 1:00 PM.

Three CEUs (2 Core and 1 Private) will be offered to individuals that have a current pesticide

licenses and will be renewing using CEUs. A registration fee of \$45.00 per person is charged to cover the study manuals and refreshments. To attend the class for only CEUs, the registration fee is \$5.00. If you wish to attend the class to obtain CEUs or to take the test, please call the Hardee County Extension Service Office at 863-773-2164 to register. Pre-registration is requested prior to May 8, 2014.

CHMA Sectional Mapping Program

The CHMA Sectional Mapping Program has been updated with the scouting data for Cycle 46 (3/3/14 – 3/21/14). These updates are provided every three weeks and can be found at: www.flchma.org.

Please note the password requirement for access into the CHMA Sectional Mapping Program has been removed. You can receive alerts when the program is updated with new scouting data, if desired.

You may access the program by visiting the CHMA webpage www.flchma.org and clicking on the banner that says “CHMA Sectional Mapping Program”. Next, click the link that says “enter”.

If you have any questions regarding the CHMA Program or the Sectional Mapping, please contact Brandon Page at 863-956-8653 or by email at bpage@ufl.edu.

NW Hardee CHMA Coordinated Spray Plan

The NW Hardee CHMA has developed a coordinated spray plan for 2014 which include five sprays. These sprays can be applied by air or ground equipment. The following table indicates the timing of the spray application, selected material, and anticipated costs which includes both material and aerial application costs. Please note the actual cost may vary slightly depending on material cost and surfactant costs.

NW Hardee CHMA Spray Plan for 2014

Proposed Date	Mode of Action	Anticipated Cost
March/April	Pyrethroid	Mustang @ \$12.95 per acre
May/June	Organophosphate	Imidan @ \$20.38 per acre
July/August	Organophosphate	Diamethoate @ \$10.19 per acre
Sept./October	Organophosphate	Imidan @ \$20.38 per acre
Nov./December	Pyrethroid	Mustang @ \$12.95 per acre

If you have grove in the NW Hardee CHMA area and would like to participate in one or more of these coordinated sprays, please contact Keith Farr at 863-781-1464.

Irrigation Apps for Smartphones

Have you ever wished you could get individualized information on watering your citrus grove, strawberry field, or lawn sent straight to your phone? The University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences has an app called SmartIrrigation. The SmartIrrigation app allows you to input information about one of the three crops, including location, soil type, irrigation system, and then the app will provide a suggested irrigation schedule based on the local weather conditions in the selected area. The app is easy to use; there's even a step-by-step tutorial to get you started.

The apps will incorporate data from Florida Automated Weather Network (FAWN) to tailor suggested irrigation recommendations for your specific site and crop.

The SmartIrrigation apps are compatible with iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch, and Android devices. Downloads are available from App Store and Google Play Store and are named SmartIrrigation Citrus, SmartIrrigation Strawberry and SmartIrrigation Turf. Apps can be downloaded for free.

More information on the apps can be found at <http://smartirrigationapps.org>.

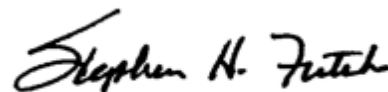
Citrus Thermootherapy Field Day

The Extension Service, CRDF, and USDA are conducting a thermootherapy field day to discuss factors related to heat treatment of HLB infected trees. The field day will be conducted on April 30, beginning at 9:00 AM. To register for the event, please contact Parker Platts at 772-462-1628 or by email at pplatts@ufl.edu. Transportation is limited to 70 people.

Dates to Remember

- April 29 Citrus Irrigation Workshop, Arcadia
- April 30 Citrus Thermootherapy Field Day, Ft. Pierce
- May 13 Restricted Use Pesticide Review Class and Testing, Wauchula

Sincerely,



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