

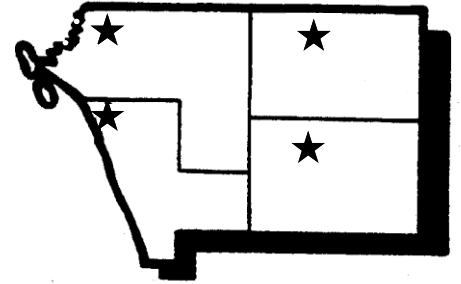
West Central Citrus Letter

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April 30, 2015

Citrus Nutrition and Irrigation Management Workshop, May 20, 2015, Arcadia

A citrus nutrition and irrigation management workshop will be held at the Turner Agri Civic Center, Exhibition Hall on Wednesday, May 20 from 10 A.M. until noon. Dr. Kelly Morgan will discuss the following topics:

- Basic interaction of soil moisture, soil moisture sensors, and evapotranspiration in irrigation scheduling
- Review of water uptake results for HLB affected citrus trees in field and greenhouse experiments
- Installation and use of smart phone citrus irrigation apps.

To register for the program, which includes lunch, please call DeSoto County Extension Service office at (863)993-4846 prior to May 18.

Private and Core Restricted Use Pesticide License Review and Testing, May 18, 2015, Wauchula

A three-hour pesticide license review and testing class will be held on Monday, May 18 at the Hardee County Extension Service Office at 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 A.M. and conclude at noon with the test being given at 1:00 P.M.

Three CEUs (2 Core and 1 Private) will be offered to individuals that have a current pesticide license 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 14.

Citrus Health Management Area Sectional Mapping Program

The CHMA sectional mapping program allows an interactive perspective of the Asian citrus psyllid (ACP) pressure throughout the state. Data generated from the 6,000+ blocks scouted every three weeks is posted to site. The data is displayed and averaged using the Township, Range and Section (TRS) for all groves scouted within that TRS.

Interested individuals can access the sectional mapping program by visiting the CHMA website (www.flchma.org) and clicking on the banner that says "CHMA Sectional Mapping Program." Once a grower is logged into the program, they have two options to choose from: the cycle data page or the presentation page. These options will indicate average psyllid numbers and if these

are showing an increase or decrease from previous scouting cycles. The CHMA website contains video tutorials about each aspect of the program. CHMA data is updated every three weeks.

Florida Citrus Growers' Institute Recorded Presentations

If you are wanting to see how we have progressed regarding HLB, you can view the presentations for the last eight Citrus Growers' Institute programs (2008-2015) using the citrus agents website at <http://citrusagents.ifas.ufl.edu/events/GrowersInstitute2015/>.

This site has both recorded presentations as well as a copy of the displayed presentations available to view from your computer.

Citrus Agents Website

If you are looking to find information about citrus extension programs, you should visit the citrus agents website at <http://citrusagents.ifas.ufl.edu>. Once at the site you will be able to find: newsletters, archived presentations, HLB photo series, CEU articles and numerous links to industry websites.

If you are interested in seeing how trees infected with HLB survive, you can view monthly photos of the same 4 trees located in DeSoto County going back 4.5 years to October 2010. Each tree has been photographed from both the east and west side every month and posted to the site. In this series, two of the trees remain very productive in light of being infected with HLB since 2010 along with two trees that continue to decline due to HLB.

Core CEUs

For individuals needing continuing education units to renew their restricted use pesticide license, articles are published 4 times per year in the Citrus Industry Magazine and also posted to the citrus agents website. License holders can complete the test at the end of each article and earn 1 CEU per completed article. Since all licenses require the license holder to obtain at least 4 core CEUs along with appropriate category CEU, this is an effective method to utilize and meet the core CEU requirement. The location of the CEU articles is:

<http://citrusagents.ifas.ufl.edu/info/CEU%20Testing.htm>.

New Citrus Variety Options for Florida Growers

FAST TRACK is an innovative program developed through the cooperative efforts of the Florida Foundation Seed Producers, Inc. (FFSP), UF-IFAS, and New Varieties Development & Management Corp. (NVDMC). Through FAST TRACK, commercial citrus growers can register to plant promising experimental selections for trial and evaluation. FAST TRACK engages growers in the

evaluation process and provides an opportunity for the industry to help determine which selections have true commercial potential. FAST TRACK is intended to reduce the amount of time necessary to evaluate and commercialize promising new varieties. The program is currently for fresh fruit varieties only. FAST TRACK growers will receive benefits for their participation.

NVDMC has scheduled statewide grower meetings supporting the launch of FAST TRACK's third suite of experimental citrus selections. This new suite features four seedless easy-peel mandarin selections.

All interested commercial citrus growers should plan to attend one of the meetings. A presentation will explain details about the program and registration documentation will be distributed. Representatives from the IFAS Plant Improvement Team and/or FFSP will also be present. Each meeting will last approximately one hour.

Meeting dates, times, and locations are as follows:

May 26

- 10:00 AM – Lake County IFAS Extension Office, 1951 Woodlea Rd, Tavares, FL 32778
- 2:00 PM – Citrus Research & Education Center, 700 Experiment Station Road, Lake Alfred, FL 33850

May 28

- 10:00 AM – Highlands County IFAS Extension Office, 4509 George Boulevard, Sebring, FL 33875
- 2:00 PM – Indian River Research & Education Center, 2199 S. Rock Road, Ft. Pierce, FL 34945

Seating may be limited. Please RSVP by fax to 321-214-0223 or email to Lucy.Nieves@ffva.com.

Dates to Remember

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| May 18 | Private Restricted Use Pesticide License Review, Wauchula |
| May 20 | Citrus Nutrition and Irrigation Management Workshop, Arcadia |
| May 26 | FAST TRACK Program, Tavares & Lake Alfred |
| May 28 | FAST TRACK Program, Sebring & Ft. Pierce |

Sincerely,



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