

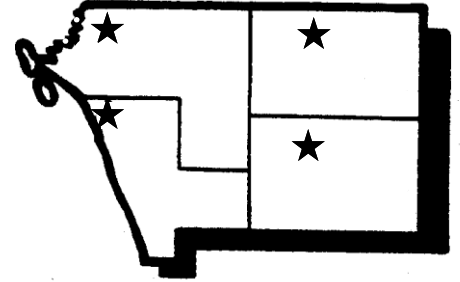
## West Central Citrus Letter

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**February 14, 2012**

### **Safety Morning, March 6, 2012, Arcadia**

The annual Safety Morning will be conducted at the Turner Center in Arcadia on Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:30 A.M. and conclude prior to 11 A.M. Topics covered will include: Worker Protection Standards Handler Training; Label and Mix/Load Safety; Moving Agricultural Equipment Safely; Emergency Response for First at the Accident; Field Safety; and Personal Health and Safety.

Registration for the program is \$3.00 per person and must be done in advance by completing the enclosed registration form. Sessions will be conducted in English and Spanish, so please be sure to indicate which language session the individual will be participating in for the training. Pre-registration is required prior to March 1, 2012. Please see the attached registration form for additional information.

### **Citrus Field Day, March 7, 2012, Lake Placid**

The Citrus Research & Education Center is conducting a field day at their Lake Placid Grove. The field day will discuss citrus leafminer research update, CHMA Coordinated Area Sprays, Windbreaks, Advanced Production Systems and HLB issues. The program is free to attend and limited to the first 80 participants. To RSVP your attendance, please contact Mrs. Jane Wilson at 863-956-8643 or

by email at [wilsonmj@ufl.edu](mailto:wilsonmj@ufl.edu). Directions to the grove – in Lake Placid turn east on County Road 621 and then left on Hallmark Avenue (changes to Royce Ranch Avenue) and go 4.25 miles and the grove will be on your right. Pre-registration is requested prior to March 5, 2012.

### **Restricted Use Pesticide License Review and Testing, March 19, 2012**

A three-hour pesticide license review and testing class will be held on Monday, March 19, 2012 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 \$38.00 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 March 12, 2012.

### **Ag Tree Crop Pesticide License Review and Testing, March 20, 2012**

A two-hour pesticide license review and testing class will be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at the DeSoto County Extension Service Office at 2150 NE Roan Street in Arcadia. The class will review the material contained in the test to obtain a commercial ag tree crop license. The class will begin at 9:00 A.M. and conclude with the test at approximately 11:00 AM. Two CEUs in the Ag Tree crop category will be offered to individuals that have a current pesticide license. The registration fee of \$20.00 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 DeSoto County Extension Service office at 863-993-4846 to register. Pre-registration is requested prior to March 12, 2012. If you do not have a current restricted use pesticide license and want an Ag Tree Crop license, you will need to take the Core exam which is being offered on March 19<sup>th</sup> in Wauchula. To obtain a commercial license, you will need to pass both the Core and Ag Tree Crop tests.

### **Mechanical Harvesting & Abscission Program, April 2-4, 2012**

An international mechanical harvesting program will be conducted at the Citrus Research & Education Center in Lake Alfred on April 2-4. Registration fee is \$175. For more information on the program, please visit their website at:

<http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/harvest/>.

### **Florida Citrus Growers' Institute, April 10, 2012, Avon Park**

The annual Florida Citrus Growers' Institute will be conducted at the South Florida Community College in Avon Park. The program information is currently in the development stages and will be posted on the Citrus Agents website at <http://citrusagents.ifas.ufl.edu/> by the middle of February.

### **Flower Bud Advisory**

Dr. Gene Albrigo's flower bud advisory is predicting that we should have 2 or 3 waves of flower buds with full bloom predictions from mid-February to mid-March. The combination should provide an economic level of flowering but bloom should be very spread out making ideal timing of production practices difficult. The best procedure is probably to schedule for the largest bloom. For more information on his advisory, please see:

<http://www.crec.ifas.ufl.edu/extension/flowerbud/> .

### **Dates to remember**

- March 6 Safety Morning, Arcadia
- March 7 Citrus Field Day, Lake Placid
- March 19 Restricted Use Pesticide License Review, Wauchula
- March 20 Ag Tree Crop Pesticide License Review, Arcadia
- April 2-4 Mechanical Harvesting & Abscission Program, Lake Alfred
- April 10 Florida Citrus Growers Institute, Avon Park

Sincerely,

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