

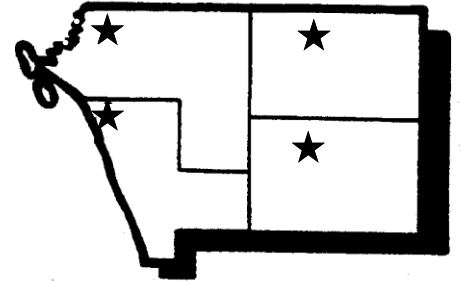
## West Central Citrus Letter

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**July 23, 2012**

### **Citrus Grower Round Table, Aug. 7, 2012**

UF IFAS and Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association will host a citrus grower round table meeting on Tuesday, August 7 beginning at 11:30 AM. The meeting location is the Family Service Center, 210 W. Whidden Street in Arcadia.

Presentations will be given immediately following lunch by Drs. Bob Rouse and Bill Castle. Dr. Rouse will discuss his research regarding the use of survival strategies for existing groves using hedging for rehabilitation of HLB infected trees as well as various nutritional studies he is involved with around the state. Dr. Castle will discuss rootstock selection and characteristics of many of the popular selections.

Lunch is being sponsored by ORO AGRI, Inc. Pre-registration is not required. For more information on the program, please contact PRVCGA (863-494-0061) or Steve Futch (863-956-8644).

### **Worker Protection Standards, Train-the-Trainer Training, Aug. 8, 2012**

A training session for individuals wanting to be able to conduct Worker Protection Standards (WPS) training will be conducted from 3:00 PM until 4:30 PM at the Extension Service Office in Arcadia on Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2012. The session will cover WPS information required under the rule to train employees as a pesticide handler or workers.

Please remember that all pesticide handlers must be trained prior to handling tasks. Employees that are classified as workers must be trained within five days of working in areas that have had pesticides applied within

the last 30 days. All employees must be retrained every five years.

Continuing education units (CEUs) will be offered to individuals with restricted use pesticide licenses. CEUs in the private, ag tree, row crop and ornamental and turf categories are offered for this WPS training class for those with a restricted use pesticide license.

To register for the class, please call the DeSoto County Extension Service Office in Arcadia at 863-993-4846 prior to Aug. 1, 2012. A registration fee of \$5.00 per person is required.

### **Restricted Use Pesticide License Review and Testing, Aug. 9, 2012**

A three-hour pesticide license review and testing class will be held on Thursday, Aug. 9, 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 Aug. 2, 2012.

**Citrus Expo, Aug. 15 & 16, 2012**

The annual Citrus Expo will be conducted at the Lee County Civic Center, 11831 Bayshore Road, Ft. Myers on Aug. 15 and 16. To pre-register for the event, please register at <http://www.citrusexpo.net/registration.html> prior to Aug. 10.

A listing of the topics, speakers and times can be viewed at <http://www.citrusexpo.net/seminars.html>.

**IFAS CEU Day, Aug. 21, 2012**

A statewide CEU polycom training event will be conducted on Tuesday, Aug. 21 at many of the County Extension Service offices around the state. The event will offer up to 6 pesticide applicator CEUs for those that currently have a valid restricted use pesticide license. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) have been approved in the following categories: 6 Private; 2 Aerial; 5 Row Crop; 3.5 Ag Tree Crop; 5 Aquatic; 6 Demo/Research; 6 Forest; 6 NAWM; 3.5 Ornamental & Turf; 6 Right of Way; 3.5 PCO (L&O) or 3.5 LCLM. You can receive up to a maximum of 6 CEUs if you participate in the entire event.

The class will begin at 8:30 with registration and the broadcasting will begin at 9 AM and conclude at 4 PM.

Locally, Hardee County Extension (863-773-2164) in Wauchula and Manatee County Extension (941-772-4524) in Palmetto will be participating in the event. To register for the event, please call either office for more information. You may wish to contact other Extension Service Offices to see if they will be participating in the event if either of these offices are not conveniently located.

**Farm Labor Supervisor Training Program (Sept. – Oct., 2012)**

The Farm Labor Supervisor Training Program will conduct training sessions at 7 locations during the month of September and October in Central and South Florida. Training sessions in Central Florida include: Wimauma (Oct. 17), Arcadia (Oct. 23) and Sebring (Oct. 30). Program topics include: Wage and Hour; HR Compliance; Worker Protection Standards; and Safe Driving.

Each session is scheduled for 2 hours and will be divided into sessions for English or Spanish speakers. Participants can register for any combination of the above 4 classes, with each 2-hour class costing \$10. Lunch will be provided for those registering for at least 2 sessions.

Please see the attached flyer for more information on registration requirements and meeting locations.

**Citrus Research Field Day, Dec. 13, 2012**

The University in conjunction with Gapway Groves, Orié Lee, Southwest Florida Water Management District, Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc., and the Citrus Research & Education Foundation, Inc. will be

hosting a field day on December 13, 2012. The program will highlight new citrus variety evaluations and advanced citrus production systems.

The program will begin at the UF-IFAS Citrus Research & Education Center in Lake Alfred at 7:30 AM and the buses will leave promptly at 8:15 AM. A sponsored lunch will be provided at the conclusion of the field day. Pre-registration is required and limited to the first 200 people. Registration for the program begins on Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>.

For more information on the registration process, please see the enclosed flyer. Remember registration is limited to the first 200.

**New Variety Display**

The New Variety Development & Management Corporation (NVDMC) will be hosting a new variety display in the fall and winter of 2012-13. The dates at the Citrus Research & Education Center (CREC) in Lake Alfred are on Nov. 6, Dec. 18 and Feb. 19 with an additional display at the Indian River Research & Education Center (IRREC) in Ft. Pierce on Jan. 22. Attendees will be able to see a wide range of new citrus selections. Fruit will be displayed by fruit type, i.e. oranges, grapefruit and grapefruit/pummelo types, tangerine/mandarin hybrids.

For more information on the event and varieties displayed, please contact Peter Chaires at [pchaires@nvdmc.org](mailto:pchaires@nvdmc.org).

**Dates to remember:**

- Aug. 7 Grower Round Table, Family Service Center, Arcadia (11:30 AM)
- Aug. 8 WPS Train-the-Trainer, Arcadia
- Aug. 9 Restricted Use Pesticide License Review and Testing, Wauchula
- Aug. 15 & 16 Citrus Expo, Ft. Myers
- Aug. 21 IFAS CEU Day (various locations)
- Oct. 23 Farm Labor Supervisor Training, Arcadia
- Dec. 13 Citrus Research Field Day, Lake Alfred

Sincerely,

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