

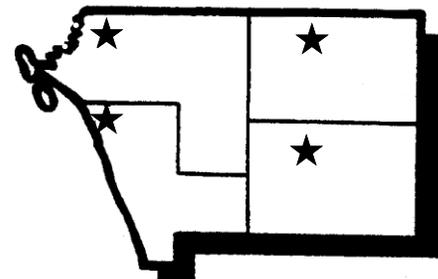
West Central Citrus Letter

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Citrus Expo, Aug. 17-18, N. Ft. Myers

The annual Citrus Expo will be held at the Lee Civic Center, 11831 Bayshore Road, North Ft. Myers on Wednesday (Aug. 17) and Thursday (Aug. 18). The Expo contains a trade show that opens each day at 8:00 AM and concludes at 4:30 PM on Wednesday and then is followed by the 25th Anniversary Citrus Shindig. Each attendee attending the anniversary event will receive a drink ticket to use when attending the event. The trade show opens on Thursday at 8:00 AM and concludes after lunch.

Seminars will be conducted on both days. On Wednesday, presentations will begin at 9:30 AM, with a break for lunch at 12:25 PM, presentations begin again at 2:00 PM and conclude at 4:20 PM. On Thursday, seminar presentations begin at 9:30 AM and conclude at 12:20. Lunch is provided on both days for those that register for the Citrus Expo.

To register, please visit their website at CitrusExpo.net. You can also register by email at CitrusExpo@AgNetMedia.com or by phone at 352-671-1909.

Program information can be found on the Expo website at <http://citrusexpo.net/program/>.

Continuing education units (CEUs) will be available for both the Florida Department of Agriculture restricted use pesticide license as well as for Certified Crop Advisor license.

Abandoned Groves

If you are considering removing an existing grove due to economic or other reasons, please contact the Florida Department of Agriculture, Citrus Health Response Program (CHRP) office before removing the grove. The CHRP office can assist with completing the "Abandoned Grove Compliance Agreement" form. Completing the form and complying with the agreement will assist in keeping the agricultural classification for up to 5 years at a de minimis value of up to \$50 per acre on a single year methodology, while the land is fallow or otherwise non-income producing. The local office for Hardee and DeSoto Counties is located in Avon Park and can be reached at 863-314-5900. That office can also direct you to other offices around the state, as needed.

Bactericide Survey

The Citrus Research & Development Foundation and *Citrus Industry* magazine are conducting a survey to obtain more information on the use of bactericides in the Florida citrus industry. The survey can be completed by going to www.citrusexpo.net. The survey should be completed prior to Aug. 5. The survey contains only 10 simple questions that will take less than 5 minutes

to complete. Information from the survey will be presented at the Citrus Expo on Aug. 18.

Private and Core Restricted Use Pesticide License Review and Testing, Sept. 1, Wauchula, 9:00 AM

A three-hour pesticide license review and testing class will be held on Thursday, Sept. 1 at the Hardee County Extension Service Office, 507 Civic Center Drive, Wauchula. The class will review the materials contained in the test to obtain a Private Applicator pesticide applicator 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 license and will be renewing using CEUs. A registration fee of \$55.00 per person is charged to cover the study manuals (Core and Private) 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. 24.

Hurricane Preparedness

It has been a number of years since a major hurricane has hit citrus production areas in Florida. Growers should consider the potential impact a hurricane could have on their operation and develop a hurricane preparedness plan that can aid in minimizing losses and in recovery after the storm.

The University of Florida has an EDIS document that addresses the issue of hurricane preparedness and can be found at <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/CH/CH17800.pdf>. Pre-planning and organizing a post-storm recovery check list can aid in being able to minimize damage and aid in a rapid recovery.

Citrus Economic Reports

If you are looking for citrus economic data, UF has just the site for you to gather lots of

information. The website is housed at the CREC and contains the following publications:

- Annual summary budgets for 3 production regions,
- Average packing charges,
- Harvesting cost,
- Annual cultural maintenance cost, and
- Citrus articles

The website can be found at <http://www.crec.ifas.ufl.edu/extension/economics/>

Broadworks Herbicide

Syngenta recently received Federal and State approval for the use of Broadworks herbicide in Florida citrus. The main use for Broadworks is as a tank-mix partner with Gramoxone 2.0 SL, in fall through spring applications. When utilized with Gramoxone, Broadworks expands the post-emergence spectrum of weed control, especially with difficult to control broadleaf weeds. Broadworks will also provide short term residual control of mainly broadleaf weeds following the application. Broadworks brings a new mode of action to the Florida citrus herbicide market.

The pre-harvest interval (PHI) for Broadworks is 1 day and a restricted entry interval (REI) of 12 hours.

Source: Syngenta

Priaxor Fungicide

Priaxor fungicide received the Florida registration for use in citrus on July 7, 2016. Priaxor combines the power of Headline fungicide along with carboximide chemistry, fluxapyroxad. Priaxor is labeled on all citrus fruit and for the control of multiple citrus diseases. Priaxor has been established in the fruiting vegetable and sugarcane markets for several years and is now an additional tool for the citrus grower to consider.

The pre-harvest interval (PHI) is 0 hours and a restricted entry interval (REI) of 12 hours.

Source: BASF

Local Working Group Meetings Set to Discuss Resource Concerns

The Manatee River Soil and Water Conservation District (MRSWCD) and Sarasota Soil and Water Conservation District (SSWCD) in cooperation with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will convene local working group public meetings to provide guidance and discuss local resource conservation concerns and NRCS programs in Manatee and Sarasota counties, respectively.

The MRSWCD local working group will meet at the Manatee Extension Service, Kendrick Auditorium, 1303 17th Street West, Palmetto on Monday, August 8th at 6:00 pm.

The SSWCD local working group will meet at the Sarasota Fairgrounds, Ken Clark Auditorium, 3000 Ringling Boulevard, Sarasota on Wednesday August 17th at 6:30 pm.

The local work group includes representatives from cooperating federal, state and local agencies, conservation organizations, and the public to provide local information on natural resource priorities.

Local farmers, forestland owners and other land users are encouraged to attend and assist with identifying resource concerns and future direction of our conservation efforts. This prioritization will

become the foundation on which our future plans and projects can be based.

The Soil and Water Conservation Districts serve as local coordinators of technical and financial assistance for natural resource problems from all levels of government to private landowners and land users. This meeting is an important step in helping us carry out our mission. Results will be sent to the NRCS state office for consideration in funding and ranking decisions.

For more information contact NRCS District Conservationist Israel Vega at 941-444-3143.

Source: NRCS

Dates to Remember

Aug. 8	MRSWCD meeting, Palmetto
Aug. 17	SSWCD meeting, Sarasota
Aug. 17-18	Citrus Expo, Ft. Myers
Sept. 1	Pesticide License Review and Testing, Wauchula

Sincerely,



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