

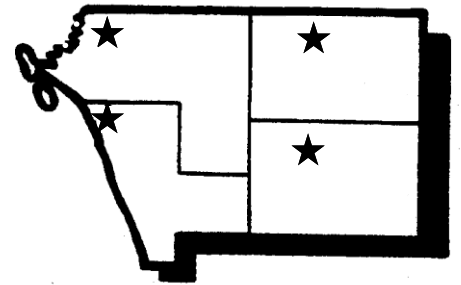
West Central Citrus Letter

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Citrus Expo, Aug. 16 & 17, 2017, North Ft. Myers

The 26th annual Citrus Expo will take place August 16-17th at the Lee Civic Center in North Fort Myers. The theme for the Expo is “Challenge, Change and Opportunity.” For more information on the program, please visit <http://citrusexpo.net/program/>.

Pre-registration is available online at <http://citrusexpo.net/registration/>. Growers who pre-register by August 11 will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a John Deere gun safe, courtesy of Everglades Equipment. Pre-registration is highly encouraged to make it easier to enter the show and to aid in planning the number of meals needed for each day.

For more information on the program or if you have issue registering, please call 352-671-1909.

Continuing education units (CEUs) will be offered for license holders of either the restricted use pesticide as well as the certified crop advisors on both days.

Private and Core Restricted Use Pesticide License Review and Testing, August 23, Wauchula

A three-hour pesticide license review and testing class will be conducted on Wednesday, August 23 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 applicator license. The class will

begin at 9:00 A.M. and conclude at noon with the test at 1:00 P.M.

Three CEUs (2 Core and 1 Private) are 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 August 15th.

Farm Labor Supervisor Training Schedule Announced for Fall, 2017.

The fall schedule for Farm Labor Supervisor Training is shown in the attached flyer that includes registration links and other information. Training locations include: Sebring, October 10 - 11; Wimauma, October 17-18; Immokalee, November 7 - 8; and Arcadia, November 14 - 15. Additional dates and locations may be scheduled on request, as well as on-site trainings.

Who should attend? Anyone who directly or indirectly supervises farm workers, including labor supervisors, contractors, crew leaders, foremen, bus and van drivers, human resources, payroll, compliance, labor managers, and farm managers.

The fall classes will include new material this season.

- More of the classes will include case studies, and current case studies from 2016 and 2017.
- Information about the H-2A guest worker program is being incorporated into three of the standard classes: Farm Labor Contractor Basics; Wage & Hour; and Management Communications.
- Transportation Rules and Regulations will now be included in Farm Labor Contractor Basics and Wage & Hour.
- Healthy Farm Employees consists of four classes that will be taught by health-care professionals: Controlling Hypertension; Managing Diabetes; Managing Stress; and Agriculture Healthy & Safe Physical Motion. These classes are important for the attendees individually and will also include valuable information that can and should be passed on to farm worker employees.
- The Agricultural Equipment Safety class is being redesigned to cover more of the types of equipment hand laborers are involved with, including field trucks and goats, transplanter, hydraulic hammers, knee issues with certain types of ladders, and farm electrocution.

See the attached flyer for details, and contact Barbara Hyman (hymanb@ufl.edu, 239-658-3461) or if you need further information Carlene Thissen (carlene@ufl.edu, 239-658-3449).

Hurricane Preparedness

I know many of you have been through hurricanes before or at least remember the stories that people have told about those events. However, everyone should review his or her preparedness plan for those activities before, during, and after the storm.

The pre-storm activities should include making sure all tanks are properly secured and kept full so they do not blow around during a storm. Make sure adequate fuel is available and that you have fuel pumps that can be operated by hand or have backup power to operate the pumps to be able to obtain necessary fuel during the recovery efforts.

Ditches should be clean to allow maximum water flow off your property.

Available emergency equipment should include generators, chain saws, torches and air compressors. This equipment should be tested to make sure it works properly and to have adequate replacement parts like spare chains and oil to mix with gas, where needed. If you have not used this emergency equipment recently, it may not crank or have leaks that prohibit its safe use.

Remember, proper planning will reduce risks and aid in enhanced recovery after the storm has passed.

2017 Citrus Packinghouse Day, Lake Alfred

The 2017 Citrus Packinghouse Day will be conducted at the CREC in Lake Alfred on Aug. 24th. For more information, please visit the postharvest website at <http://irrec.ifas.ufl.edu/postharvest/>. Additional questions can be answered by contacting Dr. Mark Ritenour at ritenour@ufl.edu or by phone at 772-577-7359.

Got CEUs

If you are in need of core CEUs to renew your restricted use pesticide license, core CEUs can be obtained from quarterly issues of Citrus Industry magazine (February, May, August, or November), online at <http://citrusindustry.net/ceu/>, or by going to the Citrus Agents webpage at <http://citrusagents.ifas.ufl.edu/info/CEU%20Testing.shtml>. For each CEU, complete the test and then send the form as directed. These CEUs do not require a fee to obtain the CEU.

Dates to Remember

- Aug. 16-17 Citrus Expo, N. Ft. Myers
- Aug. 23 Pesticide License Review and Testing, Wauchula
- Aug. 24 Packinghouse Day, Lake Alfred

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Farm Labor Supervisor Training Schedule