

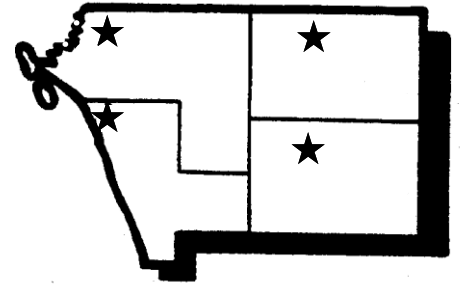
West Central Citrus Letter

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Florida Citrus Growers Institute, April 4, 2017, Avon Park

Citrus greening or Huanglongbing (HLB) continues to affect all citrus production areas of Florida. The 2017 Florida Citrus Growers' Institute is an opportunity for Florida citrus growers to come together to learn the latest on effective management of HLB and other challenging diseases affecting the industry. Topics this year include citrus tree health, Asian citrus psyllid management, post bloom fruit drop, plant bactericides and food safety.

Continuing education units are offered to holders of restricted use pesticide and certified crop advisors. For more information on the program, please see the program flyer.

Pre-registration is requested prior to March 31, 2017 as noted in the program flyer. See the flyer for how to register for the program.

Worker Protection Standards – Train-the-Trainer

We are willing to conduct Worker Protection Standards Train-the-Trainer classes upon request to groups of 10 or more.

This training would cover the EPA's revised WPS regulations as published by final rule on

November 2, 2015. The 2015 revision requires persons seeking to become trainers or recertified as a trainer of workers and handlers must complete an EPA-approved Train-the-Trainer (TTT) program or hold a valid restricted use pesticide (RUP) license. If you were trained as a trainer under the old rule and do not have a RUP license you will need to become retrained under the new rule before conducting training. The Florida WPS TTT program summarizes basic WPS provisions, Florida Agriculture Worker Safety Act (FAWSA) requirements, training requirements, general training techniques, information on training preparation, and briefly discusses some WPS enforcement hot topics.

If you are in need of WPS Train-the-Trainer class, please contact Steve Futch at 86A registration fee of \$10 per 863-956-8644. Once we get a group of 10 people requesting the training, we will schedule a class.

Private and Core Restricted Use Pesticide License Review and Testing, April 25, Wauchula

A three-hour pesticide license review and testing class is being conducted on Tuesday, April 25 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 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 April 19th.

PFD Presentations

Presentations from the February 8 PFD meeting are available on-line at <http://citrusagents.ifas.ufl.edu/pfd>.

CHMA Psyllid Counts – Cycle 97 data

Please go to the below CHMA website to obtain the cycle #97 psyllid count data for the period of time between February 6 to February 24.

http://www.crec.ifas.ufl.edu/extension/chmas/chma_ranking.shtml.

Dates to Remember

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| March 22 | CRDF Soil Microbial Amendment and Rootstock Field Day, LaBelle (pre-registration required) |
| April 4 | Florida Citrus Growers Institute, Avon Park (pre-registration required) |
| April 21 | HLB Grower Day, Lake Alfred, more information in the next newsletter |
| April 25 | Restricted Use Pesticide License Review and Testing, Wauchula |
| June 4-6 | Florida State Horticultural Society, Tampa |

Sincerely,

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