

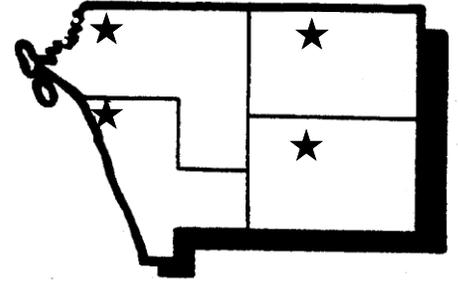
West Central Citrus Letter

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November 8, 2013

Rootstock Field Day, December 12, 2013

A citrus grower field day will be conducted on December 12, 2013 at the Citrus Research & Education Center (CREC). A chartered bus will take participants to Dr. Jude Grosser's St. Helena rootstock trial near Waverly. Bus departure from the CREC is at 8:00, 9:00 and 10:00 am. The tour will take 2 hours from time of departure to returning to the CREC.

Seating is limited and on a first come, first served basis. Please register early to ensure you get the departure time that fits your schedule.

You can register on Eventbrite, email or by phone. For more information on the field day and how to register, please see the enclosed flyer.

Private and Core Restricted Use Pesticide License Review and Testing, Dec. 10, 2013, Wauchula

A three-hour pesticide license review and testing class will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 10 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 licenses and will be renewing using CEUs. A registration fee of \$45.00 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 Dec. 4, 2013.

Ag Tree Crop Pesticide License Review and Testing, Dec. 11, 2013, Wauchula

A two-hour Ag Tree Crop pesticide license review and testing class will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2013 at the Hardee County Extension Service Office in Wauchula. The class will review the materials contained in the test to obtain a commercial Ag Tree Crop license. The class will begin at 9:00 AM and conclude at 11:00 at which time the exam will be given.

Two CEUs will be offered to individuals that have a current pesticide license in the Ag Tree Crop category. A registration fee of \$25.00 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 take the exam or receive CEUs, please call the Hardee County Extension Service Office at 863-993-4846. Pre-registration is requested prior to Dec. 4, 2013.

If you do not have a valid restricted use pesticide license, you must also pass the 'core' exam prior to the license being issued. A 'core' review class will be offered on Dec. 10 at the Hardee County Extension Service Office in Wauchula.

Brazil Citrus Tour

We are in the process of developing another tour to Brazil to visit their citrus groves. The tentative dates are July 19-26, 2014. The group departs Miami on Saturday evening (July 19) on a direct flight to Sao Paulo. Upon arrival to Sao Paulo, we travel north to Araraquara where we will spend 3 nights and visit citrus in that area. Later in the week we travel to Limeira area where we spend 2 nights and visit groves in that area. Departure from Brazil will be on Friday evening (July 25) with arrival back to Miami on Saturday morning, July 26. Anticipated cost is approximately \$4,000 per person which includes airfare, hotel, ground transportation and some meals. Locations visited and cost will be determined in April 2014.

If you are interested in traveling to Brazil to see some of their citrus groves or want more information on the proposed trip, please contact me by phone (863-956-8644) or by email (shf@ufl.edu). The group will be limited to 15 participants.

Polk County Winter Weather Watch

The Polk County Extension Service is again conducting the 2013-14 Winter Weather Watch Program. The program provides the latest Ag Forecasts via a recorded forecast that is available 24 hours per day using an unlisted telephone number. The registration fee is \$100.

The recorded service begins on November 15 and runs through March 15, 2014. The service provides daily forecasts, 6 to 14 day outlooks, and weekly weather outlook. Mr. Fred Crosby, a retired meteorologist, will also provide narratives on freeze nights and minimum temperature predictions using the modified Brunt equation.

For more information on the Polk County Winter Weather Watch Program, contact Chris Oswalt, Extension Agent at the Polk County Extension Service office in Bartow at 863-519-1052 or by email at wcoswalt@ufl.edu.

New Variety Display, Dec. 17, 2013

The variety improvement group at CREC and New Variety Development Corporation is hosting the next new citrus variety displays at the research center in Lake Alfred on December 17 beginning at 10 AM. For more information, please contact Lucy Nieves, at 321-214-5252.

On-Farm Weather Stations, Cost-Share Program

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) has established a cost-share program to help producers enrolled in FDACS Best Management Practices purchase on-site weather stations and temperature sensors. Funds are available on a first-come, first-served basis. However, requests related to irrigation for frost/freeze protection will be given priority.

Producers who own operations with less than 300 acres of production land may apply for one station and up to five temperature sensors for each operation. Producers who own larger operations may apply for one station and up to five temperature sensors for each 300 acres of production land on the operation(s). FDACS will provide **75 percent of the cost** up to a **\$25,000 maximum per producer**, with a **\$5,000 cap per station/sensors set**.

The stations will be installed by a company that agrees to meet the approved specifications at the on-site location(s) the farmer designates.

These weather stations will collect real-time information throughout the year on **rainfall, air temperature, relative humidity, dew point, wind speed, and wind direction**. The information will be accessible to producers on their smartphones and computers, through a University of Florida Automated Weather Network (FAWN) website.

For more information on the program, please contact Susie Bishop, sbishop@highlandsswcd.org or by phone at 863-402-7020. Ms. Bishop is located at the Highlands Soil and Water Conservation District Office, 4505 George Blvd, Sebring, FL.

Florida Agriculture Weather Network (FAWN)

I know it is hard to believe that winter weather with possible freezing temperatures is just a few weeks away. Now is the time to review what is available to citrus growers on the FAWN site. One of the new features found on the left hand side of the screen is 'My Florida Farm Weather'. This new feature allows users to see grower weather stations data that may be nearer to your location than one of the established FAWN sites.

Also at the FAWN site you will find the 'Cold Protection Toolkit' which will provide you with the NWS forecast, minimum overnight temperature forecast, forecast tracker for FAWN stations and wet-bulb based irrigation cutoff temperature. The irrigation cutoff temperature program will indicate at what temperature it is safe to shut off your irrigation system

to save water and is based upon current FAWN conditions.

Dates to Remember

- Dec. 10 Private Restricted Use Pesticide License Review, Wauchula
- Dec. 11 Ag Tree Crop Restricted Use Pesticide License Review, Wauchula
- Dec. 12 Rootstock Field Day, CREC, Lake Alfred
- Dec. 17 New Variety Display, CREC, Lake Alfred

Sincerely,



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Enc: Rootstock Field Day Program Flyer



Rootstock Field Day

December 12, 2013



University of Florida, IFAS, Citrus Research and Education Center
700 Experiment Station Road, Lake Alfred, Florida

SCHEDULE

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>DEPART CREC</u>	<u>ARRIVE AT GROVE</u>	<u>DEPART GROVE</u>	<u>ARRIVE AT CREC</u>
1	8:00 am	8:30 am	9:30 am	10:00 am
2	9:00 am	9:30 am	10:30 am	11:00 am
3	10:00 am	10:30 am	11:30 am	12:00 am

Grove location is the St. Helena Grove, care of Mr. Ori Lee

*Registration and light refreshments will be between 7:30 am and 11:30 am

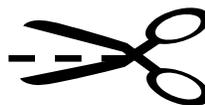
*Groups will be limited to 50 participants each

***Registration will open
November 1st. Early
registration will not be
accepted.***

Four Ways to Register

1. Online at rootstockfieldday.eventbrite.com
2. Fax the registration form below to 863-956-4631
3. Call Anne Burrage at 863-956-8643
4. Email completed registration form to Anne Burrage at aburrage@ufl.edu

***Pre-Registration is
required by December 5th***



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REGISTRATION FORM

Rootstock Field Day
December 12, 2013

Anne Burrage, amburr@ufl.edu Phone: 863-956-8643 Fax: 863-956-4631

Participant Name: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

**Please rank your
group preference
by first, second, and
third.**

***Pre-registration required by
Thursday, December 5, 2013.
Registration will be confirmed with group
departure time via email.***

	8:00 am
	9:00 am
	10:00 am