

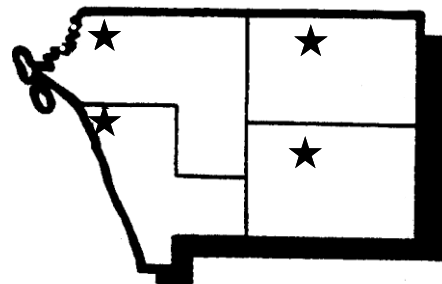
## West Central Citrus Letter

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**November 19, 2015**

### **Weather OJ Program, Lake Alfred, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:30 A.M.**

The Polk County Extension Service is conducting a winter weather program at the Citrus Research & Education Center (CREC), 700 Experiment Station Road, Lake Alfred, FL on Thursday, December 3, 2015. The program will begin at 10:30 A.M. and conclude at noon.

The program will cover citrus cold protection using microsprinklers, critical citrus leaf freezing temperatures, and cold protection resources available on the Florida Automated Weather Network (FAWN). Rich Lusher, Director of FAWN, will be leading the discussion.

Immediately following the winter weather program, CRDF will be hosting the "Thermotherapy Field Day". To participate in the field day, advanced registration is required. Please see below for information on the thermotherapy field day.

### **CRDF Thermotherapy Field Day, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12 noon**

The Citrus Research & Development Foundation (CRDF) will be hosting a "Thermotherapy Field Day" at the CREC. The program will start at 12 noon with lunch on Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. After lunch, the group will travel to grove sites near Lake Wales. You can attend the field day or both the field day and the abovementioned weather program conducted by the Polk County Extension Service. The thermotherapy field day does require advanced

registration to adequately prepare for lunch. To register for the thermotherapy field day, please follow the Eventbrite link at: <https://thermotherapyfieldday2015.eventbrite.com/>

If you do not wish to register using Eventbrite, you can register by calling Sarah White at 863-956-8632 or email her at [sewhite@ufl.edu](mailto:sewhite@ufl.edu).

After lunch, the group will travel to the field site, 2033 Tindel Camp Road, Lake Wales, FL 33898. If you go directly to the field day site, you still need to register by one of the above methods to allow for adequate handouts to be prepared.

### **Private and Core Restricted Use Pesticide License Review and Testing, December 15, Wauchula**

A three-hour pesticide license review and testing class will be held on Tuesday, December 15 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 \$50.00 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 December 10.

### Winter Weather Watch Program

The Polk County Winter Weather Watch program is conducted by Chris Oswalt and begins on November 15, 2015 and is operational until March 15, 2016. This is a subscription based service. The service posts zone weather forecasts via a recorded unlisted phone service for multiple central Florida counties, including Desoto, Hardee, Highlands, and Polk Counties. The zone forecasts are from the National Weather Service (NWS) and are listed in a menu type service allowing the user to select specific zone forecasts of interest.

For more information on the recorded weather service, please contact Chris Oswalt at 863-519-1052 or by e-mail at [wcoswalt@ufl.edu](mailto:wcoswalt@ufl.edu). The subscription service is \$100 per season.

### Flower Bud Advisory

Dr. Gene Albrigo will again be offering his flower bud advisory forecast for the 2015-16 season. The advisory can be accessed by going to:

<http://www.crec.ifas.ufl.edu/extension/flowerbud/>.

This free service will provide information on flower bud induction and an estimate on when flowering will occur in the spring of 2016.

### WPS Changes

The Worker Protection Standards (WPS) which was implemented in the early 1990s has been revised and changes will be phased in over the next 2 years. Some of the biggest changes include: 1) annual training for all workers and handlers; 2) training for workers to be conducted prior to working in a field that has had a pesticide applied or a restricted-entry interval in effect within the last 30 days; 3) expanded content of the training; and, 4) keeping records for all training for a period of 2 years.

For more information on the training, please visit the EPA website highlighting the changes at:

<http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-09/documents/comparison-chart-wps.pdf>.

The Extension Service will be offering training sessions in the spring of 2016 after we have had sufficient time to review the new rule and develop sufficient training materials.

### Florida Citrus Show, January 27-28, 2016, Ft. Pierce

The annual Florida Citrus Show will be conducted in Ft. Pierce, January 27-28, 2016. The event will include both educational programs and a trade show of approximately 100 vendors. To register to attend the annual event, please visit <http://CitrusShow.com>. The event is free to attend but pre-registration is requested.

### Cancellation of Closer (Sulfoxaflor)

EPA issued a cancellation order for Closer (sulfoxaflor). The link below provides more information on that cancellation. The cancellation means that the product can no longer be sold at this time. However, if growers still have this product on hand, they are permitted to apply the product previously purchased according to the label directions on the container. It is unknown at this time when sulfoxaflor may be re-registered.

<http://www2.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/sulfoxaflor-final-cancellation-order>

### Dates to Remember

- Dec. 3 Weather Program, Lake Alfred, 10:30 A.M.
- Dec. 3 CRDF, Thermoerapy Field Day, Lake Alfred, 12 noon
- Dec. 15 Restricted Use Pesticide License Review Class, Wauchula
- Jan. 27-28 Florida Citrus Show, Ft. Pierce

Sincerely,



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