

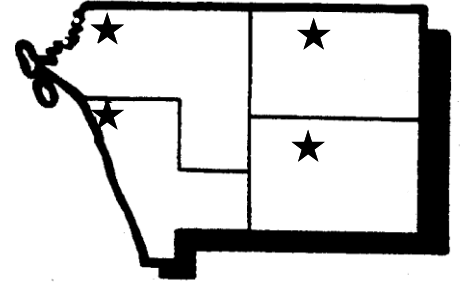
West Central Citrus Letter

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October 10, 2014

Rootstock Field Day, Dec. 3, 2014

Dr. Jude Grosser and Chris Oswalt will be hosting a rootstock field day at the St. Helena trial which is located near Lake Wales. Bus transportation will depart from the Citrus REC in Lake Alfred at 8:00, 9:15 and 10:30 AM. Each group will spend approximately 1 hour, and 15 minutes at the grove. Observations on how each of the new rootstocks are performing in an open field experiment where greening is present in the grove and neighboring blocks can be made by participants.

Individuals will be allowed to register your selected time on a first come, first served basis. Registration will begin on October 20. Registration will be accepted on Eventbrite, email, and phone registrations will be prioritized based on the time received.

Please see the enclosed flyer for more information on the rootstock field day as well as how to register. Remember the registration begins on Oct. 20th and will be limited to 50 participants for each selected departure time.

Winter Weather Watch Program

The annual Winter Weather Watch program will begin on November 15, 2014 and is conducted by Chris Oswalt. The local weather program will provide daily weather forecasts, 6-14 day outlook,

weekly weather outlook by Fred Crosby, retired meteorologist, along with weather narratives on freeze nights. Forecast information is provided for most of the citrus areas in Florida, including Pasco, Hillsborough, Polk, Highlands, Hardee, Manatee, Sarasota, DeSoto, Charlotte, Lee, Glades, Hendry and inland Collier Counties. The subscription to the service is \$100 and provides phone access by an unlisted number for all forecast products.

For more information on the winter weather watch program, please contact Chris Oswalt by email at wcoswalt@ufl.edu or at 863-519-1052.

Rootstocks and HLB Tolerance Field Day, Oct. 22 – Premier Citrus, Vero Beach

The CREC Plant Improvement Team (Drs. Castle, Gmitter, Grosser and Ling) will be hosting a field day to review 7-year-old white and red grapefruit trees planted on numerous rootstocks. At this location some trees show markedly lower incidences of HLB. The field day is being hosted at Premier Citrus in Vero Beach.

Please see the enclosed flyer for more information on the field day as well as how to register for the event. For more information please contact Parker Platts at 772-462-1628 or by email at pplatts@ufl.edu.

Farm Labor Programs, Oct 22, Arcadia**MORNING SESSION – 8:30 – NOON: DRIVER & VEHICLE PREPAREDNESS - DON'T BE A HEADLINE! \$25.00 –**

This class is designed for drivers and mechanics focusing on vehicle inspections and driver preparedness. In vehicle preparedness we will review details of what needs to be inspected on farm labor vehicles, what paperwork is required, and who is responsible for the tasks. Driver preparedness will include the DOT medical examination and how drivers track hours of service. Tracey McQuilken, retired Sergeant Investigator with FDOT/FHP, will share real-life examples of what can happen if these regulations are NOT followed, which should make everyone a believer!

AFTERNOON – 1:00 – 4:30: ADVANCED DOT COMPLIANCE WORKSHOP – WOULD YOU PASS AN AUDIT? Wednesday, October 22, 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. \$100.00

SAVE potentially THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS in fines by having your vehicle and driver qualification files in order. This class is designed for office, and administrative staff companies employing CDL-required drivers, and maintaining company vehicle files. It includes a detailed review of the required DOT drug, and alcohol program, qualifying drivers, maintenance of driver qualification files, vehicle maintenance files, and monitoring and retention of time records. You will leave with copies of the forms you need, know how to organize them, know how long to keep the files, and how often you have to renew the information they contain. PLUS learn from someone who knows exactly what happens when you are audited. Tracey McQuilken, retired Sergeant Investigator with FDOT/FHP, will share her experience as the investigator who used to conduct the audits – now she will help you be ready for them!

Certificate of Farm Labor Management, NEW IN 2014

The objective behind the NEW Certificate of Farm Labor Management is to *enhance the professional stature* of those farm labor supervisors who embrace the daily challenges of agricultural production and successfully manage farm workers in

accordance with all the associated rules, and regulations.

REQUIREMENTS: To earn the Certificate of Farm Labor Management, attendees must attend eight (8) FLS classes, and pass a test for each class. Anyone who does not pass may retake the test.

CLASSES: Three classes will be required: Wage & Hour, Human Resource Compliance, and one class related to worker safety. The remaining five classes will be the choice of the individual.

SCHEDULE: Times, locations, and fees for classes are posted at the Southwest Florida REC website <http://www.imok.ufl.edu/programs/economics/fls.php>

. Each class will last between 2 and 4 hours. All classes will be offered in both English and Spanish.

FEES: The registration fee for each training session will vary based on the type of program.

SCHEDULING ADDITIONAL CLASSES: Additional classes and locations can be scheduled. Growers, crew leaders, and other interested individuals are urged to contact their local cooperative extension agent to request training sessions in their respective areas around the state. Classes will be scheduled in any of the topic area if at least 10 people commit to attend.

INFORMATION: For any questions about FLS training classes and earning the Certificate of Farm Labor Management, please contact Fritz Roka (239.658.3428, fmroka@ufl.edu) or Carlene Thissen (239.658.3449, carlene@ufl.edu).

Farm Bill Programs

The 2014 Farm Bill has a number of programs that some citrus growers, and land owners may find interesting.

TAP - Farm Bill programs include a citrus “Tree Assistance Program (TAP)” which provides financial assistance to replant, or rehabilitate eligible trees due to citrus greening. The farm bill makes the TAP a permanent disaster program and provides retroactive coverage back to October 1, 2011. In TAP, growers will be reimbursed for a percentage of the losses in excess of 18%. Your reimbursement will be a percentage of the replacement tree cost, as well as removal and replanting costs. For more information on the program, please contact Nola Burgess at the Farm Service Agency in Wauchula at 863-773-4764.

Cogongrass Treatment Cost-Share – The program provides reimbursement of 50% of the cost to treat cogongrass infestations for two consecutive years. For more information on the program please visit the following website: <http://www.freshfromflorida.com/Business-Services/Grant-Opportunities/Cogongrass-Treatment-Cost-Share-Program>

**National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
– Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)**

EQIP offers financial and technical assistance for citrus growers to improve irrigation efficiencies within their operations.

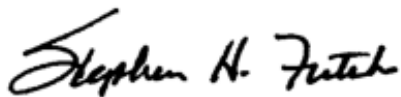
The Mobile Irrigation Lab provides assistance to help growers with irrigation related issues in the area covered by the Southwest Florida Water Management District. For example, irrigation system pressure, and uniformity data can be collected, and reviewed. A report will be provided with recommendations for improvements, and irrigation schedules.

EQIP have numerous requirements that can be discussed by contacting their offices in Wauchula. For more information on the programs please contact: Guillermo Alverio at 863-773-4764 extension 3.

Dates to Remember:

Oct 22 Rootstocks and HLB Tolerance Field Day, Vero Beach
Oct. 22 Farm Labor Training Programs, Arcadia
Oct. 23 Restricted Use Pesticide License Review, Wauchula
Dec. 3 Rootstock Field Days, Lake Alfred

Sincerely,



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Enc.: Rootstock Field Day, Lake Alfred
Rootstocks and HLB Tolerance,
Vero Beach

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Field Day - Premier Citrus -Vero Beach Wed. 10/22/14

Please join the CREC Plant Improvement Team (Dr. Bill Castle, Dr. Fred Gmitter, Dr. Jude Grosser, and Dr. Paul Ling), and UF/IFAS Extension for a review of 7-year-old white and red grapefruit trees on a large number of rootstocks, some of which display markedly lower incidences of HLB. The trials are a partnership with Premier Citrus. Registrants will be asked to walk the trials and record all trees that seem suitable for further evaluation. The data collected will form the foundation for further action.

The field day will be followed by a free lunch at the Indian River Citrus League office, but since space is limited, lunch will be available only to the first 55 interested registrants. The lunch program will include a discussion of HLB and rootstocks along with a brief presentation by Dr. Mireia Bordas representing Agromillora, a major tissue culture and micropropagation company opening a new facility in Florida in mid-2015. Advance registration is required. Email Parker Platts UF-IFAS.

Premier Groves

10:30 Welcome

10:35 Walk Through Trials & Evaluation

12:00 Leave to Indian River Citrus League Office

Indian River Citrus League

12:15 Lunch / Discussion / Presentations

Lunch Sponsored by Agromillora



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Register Before Oct. 20th

Contact: Parker Platts

Email: pplatts@ufl.edu

Phone: 772-462-1628

Please Indicate:

Interest in Lunch

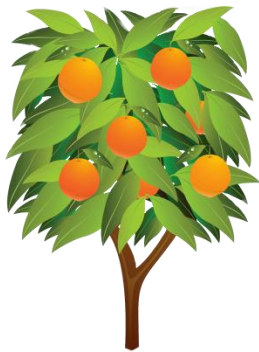
Premier Grove Site

State Rd. 60 And 150th Ave
Approx. 7 miles West of I-95 on
N. Side of 20th St. (State Rd. 60)

Indian River Citrus League

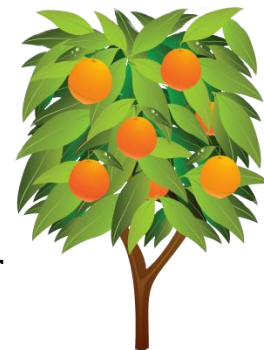
7925 20th St. (State Rd. 60)

1.1 miles E of I-95 on S. Side



Rootstock Field Day

Wednesday, December 3, 2014



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	9:45 am	10:15 am
2	9:15 am	9:45 am	11:00 am	11:30 am
3	10:30 am	11:00 am	12:15 pm	12:45 pm

Grove location is Orié Lee's St. Helena Grove

*Each group will be limited to 50 participants

*Registration and light refreshments will be between 7:30 am and 10:30 am

*A boxed lunch will be available upon arrival to CREC after grove visit

**Registration will open
October 20th. Early
registration will not be
accepted.**

Four Easy 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 amburr@ufl.edu

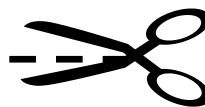
**Pre-Registration is required
by Wednesday, November 26th**



REGISTRATION FORM

Rootstock Field Day
Wednesday, December 3, 2014

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



Participant Name: _____ Company Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Please rank your group
preference by 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

	8:00 am Departure Time
	9:15 am Departure Time
	10:30 am Departure Time

**Pre-registration required by
Wednesday, November 26, 2014.
Registration will be confirmed
with group departure time via
email (if provided).**

**Boxed Lunch Preference
(please select one)**

	Roast Beef
	Ham
	Turkey
	Vegetarian