

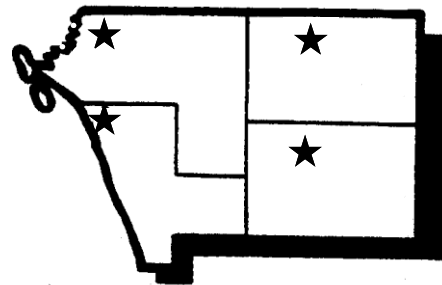
West Central Citrus Letter

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Bees

As you approach the fall season and bee keepers begin to transport bees back into Florida, please be aware that your pesticide application or applications in citrus groves may impact foraging bees, even if the bee hives are not directly in or adjacent to your property. Pesticide product labels must be carefully followed as some products used to control psyllids via soil or foliar applications may be toxic to honey bees. Some pesticide labels will actually state that the product can't be applied when citrus is blooming due to the impact those products may have on pollinators (bees). Other labels may specify that a specific amount of time must pass between application and when bees are placed in the grove or are expected to be foraging in the sprayed grove.

It would be wise to reconsider the placement of bee hives on your property in an effort to minimize any potential risks to foraging bees. For citrus varieties that do not require cross pollination, it may be wise to preclude bee hives from your property. Growers also need to be aware of where hives may be placed in their immediate area as bees will forage a mile or more depending on available food sources. Growers also have a responsibility to notify bee keepers when pesticide application will take place within 1 mile of all bee hives to allow them to properly protect those hives.

Be sure to document and preserve your pesticide application records related to all insecticides, both soil and foliar applied products as some or many may be toxic to honey bees. If bees are injured or killed in a given area, your records could be a valuable source of information in documenting proper application.

Proper product stewardship is everyone's responsibility.

Certified Pile Burner Course, Sept. 18, 2013

The Florida Forest Service and UF Extension Service will be conducting a Certified Pile Burner Course on September 18, 2013. The course will provide instruction on how to burn piles legally, safely and efficiently. With the certification, you will be able to obtain priority for authorization to burn during dry weather. Additionally, certified pile burners are allowed to burn up to two hours longer per day and able to obtain multiple day authorizations. The training will be conducted from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM on September 18 and will be held at the Turner Exhibition Hall, 2250 NE Roan Street, Arcadia. Registration is limited to the first 50 individuals to complete the registration process. Registration is \$50 per person. For more information on the course please contact the DeSoto County Extension Office at 863-993-4846 or their website at <http://desoto.ifas.ufl.edu>.

Ag Tree Crop Pesticide License Review and Testing, Oct. 2, 2013, Arcadia

A two-hour Ag Tree Crop pesticide license review and testing class will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2013 at the DeSoto County Extension Service Office at 2150 NE Roan Street in Arcadia. 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 \$20.00 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 DeSoto County Extension Service Office at 863-993-4846. Pre-registration is requested prior to Sept. 26, 2013.

If you do not have 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 Oct. 23 at the Hardee County Extension Service Office in Wauchula.

Worker Protection Standards, Train-the-Trainer Training, Oct. 2, 2013

A training session for individuals wanting to be able to conduct Worker Protection Standards (WPS) training will be conducted from 3:30 PM until 5:00 PM at the Extension Service Office in Wauchula on Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2013. The session will cover WPS information required under the rule to train employees who will work in locations where pesticides have been applied in the last 30 days.

Please remember that all pesticide handlers must be trained prior to handling tasks. Employees that are classified as workers must be trained within five days of working in areas that have had pesticides applied within the last 30 days. All employees must be retrained every five years.

Continuing education units (CEUs) will be offered to individuals with restricted use pesticide licenses. CEUs in the private, ag tree, row crop and ornamental and turf categories are offered for this WPS training class for those with a restricted use pesticide license.

To register for the class, please call the Hardee County Extension Service Office in Wauchula at 863-773-2164 prior to Sept. 26, 2013. A registration fee of \$5.00 per person is required.

Farm Labor Supervisor Core Training, Arcadia, Oct. 22

The annual farm labor supervisor core training session will be conducted in Arcadia on October 22 at the Family Service Center, 310 West Whidden Street. The 8-hour training session will begin at 8 AM and conclude at 5:00 PM. Topics covered during the training program include: Wage & Hour; Discrimination/Harassment, EEOC; Worker Protection Standards, Field Sanitation, Food Safety; and, Safe Driving.

The training is offered in both English and Spanish and targeted to supervisors of farm workers, field supervisors, labor contractors, crew leaders, growers, bus and van drivers, office staff including payroll and human resource directors.

Additional classes will be conducted in Homestead (Sept. 10), Belle Glade (Sept. 24), Bartow (Oct. 23), and Immokalee (Oct. 29).

Registration is \$80.00 per person and includes lunch. To register, please visit the web at <http://fls2013arcadia.eventbrite.com>.

For more information on the program, please contact Ms. Julie Carson at carsonj@ufl.edu or 239-658-3462.

Private and Core Restricted Use Pesticide License Review and Testing, Oct. 23, 2013, Wauchula

A three-hour pesticide license review and testing class will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 23 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 \$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 Oct. 15, 2013.

Dates to remember:

- Sept. 18 Certified Pile Burner Course, Arcadia
- Oct. 2 Ag Tree Crop Restricted Use Pesticide License Review and & Testing, Arcadia
- Oct. 2 Worker Protection Standards, Train-the-Trainer, 3:30 PM, Wauchula
- Oct. 22 Farm Labor Supervisor Core Training, Arcadia
- Oct. 23 Restricted Use Pesticide License Review & Testing (Core and Private categories), Wauchula

Sincerely,



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