

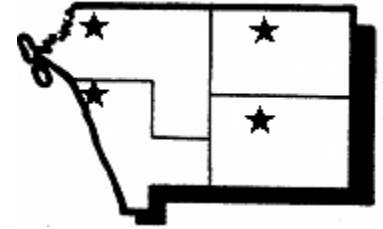
# West Central Citrus Letter

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## ***Observations on Citrus Disease Management in Brazil - Potential Opportunities for Florida Citrus Growers Program, October 11, Arcadia***

A group of Extension and Research faculty from the University of Florida traveled to Brazil in July to gain a better understanding of management practices related to canker and greening control. In an effort to disseminate the information to the Florida citrus industry, a series of meetings has been planned during October for six locations within Florida. In addition to the information about canker and greening, discussion on the Citrus Health Response Plan (CHRP) compliance agreements and training will be provided.

Program topics for each of the meetings include:

- Citrus canker management,
- Citrus greening management,
- Scouting programs for Asian citrus psyllid,
- Overview of Asian citrus psyllid control,
- Other citrus diseases of importance in Brazil,
- CHRP compliance agreements, and
- CHRP canker and greening training requirements.

Each of the programs will begin at 9:00 AM and conclude at 12 noon. Continuing education units (CEUs) will be offered for both the restricted use pesticide license and certified crop advisor. CEUs for the restricted use pesticide license consist of either 3 ag tree crop, 3 private, or 1.5 in regulatory. CEUs for the CCA license consist of 3 in PM and 1.5 in CM.

To register for the meeting held at the Turner Exhibition Hall in Arcadia, please contact the DeSoto County Extension Service at 863-993-4846. Please see the enclosed program agenda for speakers, additional meeting locations, and phone numbers to pre-register.

## **Irrigation Scheduling/Frost Protection Program, November 1, Arcadia**

An irrigation scheduling and frost protection program will be conducted at the Turner Exhibition Hall in Arcadia on Wednesday, November 1. The two-hour program which begins at 10 AM and followed by lunch sponsored by FAWN will highlight the following topics:

- Climate Outlook - projection of frost for winter and rainfall for spring 2007,
- FAWN Cold Protection Tool Kit - minimum temperature guidance, forecast tracker, evaporative cooling potential, and wet bulb shut off,
- Irrigation Concepts:
  - \* ET - the basics growers should know,
  - \* Mobile irrigation labs - irrigation system efficiency and water holding capacity,
  - \* FAWN Irrigation Scheduler - a tool to make your life easier.

Pre-registration for the program and lunch is requested prior to October 27 by calling the DeSoto County Extension Service office in Arcadia at 863-993-4846.

### Citrus Acreage Continues to Decline

Every two years the National Agricultural Statistics Service reports the commercial citrus acreage inventory for Florida. The most current report was published on September 15, 2006. To no ones surprise, the report stated that the acreage in Florida declined to 621,373 or a 17% decline since 2004. The decline resulted in a net loss of 127,182 acres during the two years statewide. The Indian River District accounted for one-third of the total statewide loss. The acreage decline is a result of citrus canker tree removal, diseases, and urbanization.

2006 Florida Commercial Citrus Acreage			
	Year		2-year % decline
	2004	2006	
DeSoto	68,559	61,083	10.9
Hardee	54,414	45,084	17.1
Manatee	20,316	18,548	8.7
Sarasota	1,684	1,652	1.9
Florida	748,555	621,373	17.0
Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service, September 15, 2006.			

### Private Pesticide License Review and Testing, November 2, 2006

A three-hour pesticide license review and testing class will be held on Thursday, November 2 at the Hardee County Extension Service Office at 507 Civic Center Drive in Wauchula. The class will review the materials contained in the tests 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 which have a current pesticide license and will be renewing using CEUs. 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 \$3.00.

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 by October 25, 2006.

### Citrus Windbreak Website

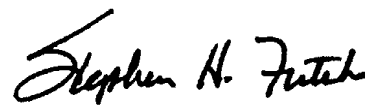
The on-line program "Windbreaks for Citrus" is now available at the CREC website ([www.crec.ifas.ufl.edu/](http://www.crec.ifas.ufl.edu/)). It is a comprehensive and friendly place to learn about living windbreaks with helpful sections on design and management. You can access all parts of the website in no more than three simple clicks. There are many practical and research publications available for those who want to learn more about the Florida situation and possible plant selection for use in living windbreaks. The website has pictures and illustrations of other countries where windbreaks are used to minimize canker spread. Additionally, all presentations from the April windbreak short course are included for easy review and use.

### Dates to remember:

- Oct. 11 Citrus Disease Management in Brazil, Arcadia
- Nov. 1 Irrigation Scheduling / Frost Protection, Arcadia
- Nov. 2 Restricted Use Pesticide License Review and Testing, Wauchula

*Pre-registration requested for the above classes.*

Sincerely,



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