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Under the Citrus Tree

Highlands County Extension Service

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April 2017 Newsletter

Greetings from the Extension Office!

April showers bring May flowers! Man i hope that statement rings true. We are really dry and all of these fires all over the state are getting really scary. I hope that all of you are doing well and the news that the citrus estimate for round oranges remained the same today comes as good news. The news for grapefruit growers is not as positive. Keep the faith and know that I am here if you need me.

I hope that you enjoy this edition of the newsletter! If I can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Happy Easter!

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Grower Day around the corner!



[Click Here to Register for Grower Day Lunch](#)

Reminder - IRCHLB Grower Day - Friday, April 21, 2017

Please RSVP now for this free event so we can prepare for seating requirements and lunch.

The 2017 Grower Day will be held on Friday, April 21st, at the Citrus Research and Education Center in Lake Alfred from 9 am to 12 pm. There is no charge for this event. Lunch will be provided afterward by Florida Citrus Mutual. Please RSVP to Clark Baxley at clarkb@fcitrusmutual.com by April 17th.

A clear advantage of holding the International Research Conference on HLB (IRCHLB) every two years is the intense immersion that is made possible by several hundred scientists from around the world spending several days exchanging information and results of their research. Such a large collection of scientists focused on the topic of HLB results in information sharing and coordinated efforts going forward, which should lead to earlier solutions and best use of funding support.

A more important advantage of the meeting being held in Florida is the opportunity to share the outcomes of these technical presentations and discussions with citrus growers so that they, too are made aware of results coming from the research. Separating the grower day from technical discussions has proven beneficial.

The April date allows participants in the IRCHLB to capture and summarize outcomes important to growers, and to prepare a program that is truly focused on communicating results to growers. This year the grower day will be built around current challenges to growers in managing citrus in the presence of HLB.

Program content and agenda is currently being prepared and will be disseminated upon completion.



I Need a Little Help

Citrus Extension Agents work with the research centers to bring educational information and useful educational documents to the Florida Citrus Industry. At several events we have been asked for a one-page "Weed Identification" document to complement the Weed Identification card deck that is available. So, if you would be so kind, we would really appreciate it if you could go to the box below and let us know what weeds you are facing!

All responses are anonymous and I really appreciate your input!

Weed Identification Question

Worker Protection Standard Train the Trainer Class Offered April 24th

This EPA Certified Training is required for all people who want to be trainers for the updated Worker Protection Standards. If you have been previously trained, as a trainer, you must re-certify due to rule changes. For more information, please contact Laurie Hurner via e-mail at: lhurner@ufl.edu.

To register for the **April 24th Class** simply click the link below.

[WPS Train the Trainer Registration](#)

RUP CEU Opportunities - April 26th!

Attention Restricted Use Pesticide License Holders needing CEUs & People wanting to get the Private Applicator License!

We are holding a RUP Class for the CORE and PRIVATE APPLICATOR Categories on April 26th here at the office!

The flyer is below with all of the details. If you want to Register simply click the blue box!

Hope to see you there!



RESTRICTED USE PESTICIDE TRAINING CORE & PRIVATE APPLICATOR

8AM - 4PM
**Wednesday
April 26, 2017**

Bert J. Harris Jr Agricultural Center
4509 George Blvd. Sebring, FL 33875
863-402-6540

CORE CLASS

\$20 : PRE-REGISTRATION
\$25 : AT THE DOOR

8:00AM - SIGN-IN FOR CORE CLASS BEGINS
8:00AM-NOON - CORE TRAINING

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.

Restricted Use Pesticide Training

CORE

PRIVATE APPLICATOR CLASS

\$10 : PRE-REGISTRATION
\$20: AT THE DOOR

1PM-4PM : PRIVATE APPLICATOR TRAINING

LUNCH WILL NOT BE PROVIDED

Restricted Use Pesticide Training

**Private
Applicator**

BOTH CORE & PRIVATE APPLICATOR CLASSES

\$30: PRE-REGISTRATION
\$50 : AT THE DOOR

8:00AM - REGISTRATION FOR CORE CLASS
8:30AM - NOON : CORE TRAINING
NOON - 1PM : LUNCH
1PM - 4PM : PRIVATE APPLICATOR TRAINING

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.

Restricted Use Pesticide Training

**CORE &
Private Applicator**

For individuals with disabilities, requiring special accommodations, please contact UF/IFAS Highlands County Extension within a minimum of 72 hours of the event/program so that proper consideration may be given to the request

Register On **Eventbrite**[®]

Register for Core & Private Applicator Training

H-2A Basics Courses Offered

The UF/IFAS Farm Labor Supervisor Training Program Presents:

H-2A BASICS – PART 1 AND PART 2

Thursday, April 27

UF/IFAS Southwest FL Research & Education Center, Immokalee

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The classes are free and a sponsored lunch will be provided

H-2A Basics Part 1: Bringing in a temporary legal workforce under the H-2A program.

This class covers the processes related to gaining approval as an H-2A employer. It includes items you will need to prepare for the application form; the flow of the paperwork; protections for U.S. workers; foreign worker recruitment; H-2A employee rights; and additional guarantees for U.S. workers. The class emphasizes the importance of dedicating internal personnel to the program and bringing in outside experts to help. The class ends with a Department of Labor review of top compliance issues related to H-2A, followed by a panel of experts on the H-2A application and recruitment process.

H-2A Basics Part 2: Managing workers under the H-2A program.

Managing workers according to contractual obligations of the H-2A program after they are here is even more complicated than the recruitment process, and it is more likely that employers will be visited by DOL because H-2A employers are identified to the enforcement arm. Paperwork and recordkeeping are more critical than ever, including the additional task of tracking hours offered and hours worked. Timely re-payment of travel costs, transportation to the workplace and housing regulations are some of the important topics covered in this class, and cautions about treating U.S. workers differently from foreign workers. The class will end with a discussion of potential pitfalls by a panel of H-2A growers and labor contractors.

Please contact Barbara Hyman to register at hymanb@ufl.edu or call 239-658-3461.

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Highlands County Citrus Grower Forum Coming Up! May 11, 2017 8:00 A.M.

UF/IFAS Extension Highlands County will be holding its next Grower Forum Thursday, May 11, at the Highlands County Extension Office in the **Auditorium**.

The Forum will begin at 8:00 am. Donuts, Orange Juice and Coffee will be provided. The purpose of the Forum is to bring growers together to discuss the latest topics important to them and what seems to be working. Hope to see you there!

Statewide Opportunity to Earn Pesticide Applicator CEUS

coming this summer!

A statewide opportunity to earn pesticide applicator CEUs is planned for **Wednesday, July 26 (9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. EDT)**. An agenda with FDACS-approved CEUs is below. As in the past, we will be hosting this event with the cooperation of the Florida Turfgrass Association (FTGA). **UF/IFAS Extension Highlands County will be a local viewing location for this program.**

Preregistration:

*IFAS employees: \$15 (On-site registration \$22.50)

*Municipal employees: \$30 (On-site registration \$45.00)

*Industry professionals: \$50 (On-site registration \$75).

THE REGISTRATION CLOSE DATE IS JULY 21 AND ON-SITE PRICING TAKES EFFECT.

IFAS-FTGA Great CEU Roundup (9:00 EDT July 26, 2017)

Agenda

Time (EDT)	Topic	Speaker
9:00 – 9:50	Introduction and Why Pesticides Fail	Dr. Fred Fishel
10:00 – 10:50	Environmental Fate of Herbicides	Dr. Jay Ferrell
11:00 – 11:50	Biological Control Update	Dr. Jim Cuda
1:00 – 1:50	Upland Invasive Plant Control Techniques	Dr. Stephen Enloe
2:00 – 2:50	The Dirty Dozen and Other Up and Coming Aquatic Weeds	Dr. Lyn Gettys
3:00 – 3:50	Managing Herbicide Drift	Dr. Peter Dittmar
3:50 – 4:00	Distribution of Attendance Forms, Evaluation, and Adjourn	Local Site Hosts

Summary of CEUs

Category	Available CEUs
Limited Lawn & Ornamental	5
Limited Commercial Landscape Maintenance	5
Commercial Lawn & Ornamental	5
Private Applicator Ag Pest Control	6
Aerial Application – Ag	6
Ag Row Crop Pest Control	4
Ag Tree Crop Pest Control	4
Aquatic Pest Control	5
Demonstration & Research	6
Forest Pest Control	5
Natural Areas Weed Management	5
Ornamental & Turf Pest Control	5
Regulatory Pest Control	6
Right-of-Way Pest Control	5

Sign up for the CEU Roundup