

Central Florida Fruit Production News

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Lebbeck Mealybug Program

July 18, Sebring. 10 am to 12 pm. Free meeting but must register in advance. [Registration link](#). Citrus growers, allied representatives and friends please join us for a discussion from the UF/IFAS scientists about the pest and Florida Department of Agriculture Division of Plant Industry representatives regarding their strategy to handle this new pest recently found in Highlands County.

Hemp Field Day

August 16, UF/IFAS Mid Florida Research and Education Center, Apopka. 8 am to 5 pm. \$40 includes all day workshop and lunch, \$30 for morning session and lunch. [Registration link](#).

The same program will be offered in [Gainesville](#) on July 30 and in [Homestead](#) on August 2.

The program will provide information on early research efforts and results regarding hemp cultivation, variety trials, and invasion risk assessment at UF. Registration will be open until space is filled. The morning session includes lunch and is ticketed separately from the afternoon session. If you wish to attend all day, please make sure you register for both the morning and afternoon, which is \$40 total. You will need to provide your own transportation to the second location.

Agricultural Plastic Use Survey

Plastic is an important input for some agriculture but has the potential for pollution because it is rarely recycled. UF/IFAS is conducting a voluntary survey on the use and disposal of plastic in agriculture under the sponsorship of the USDA-Economic Research Service. The results from this survey will provide insights on why recycling options for agricultural plastics have not been successful in the past and/or why they have not yet been created. [Link for](#)

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