

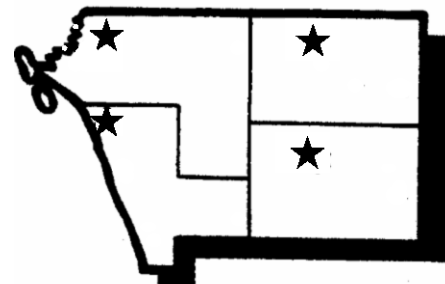
West Central Citrus Letter

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February 8, 2018

Citrus Production School, February 13, 20, & 27

The annual citrus production school will be held at the Family Service Center, 310 W. Whidden Street, Arcadia on Tuesday evenings, February 13, 20, and 27 from 7 to 9 PM.

CEUs are being offered for both Restricted Use Pesticide License and Certified Crop Advisor licenses.

For more information, please contact me at 863-956-8644 or by email at shf@ufl.edu. It is not too late to register and attend this program.

Safety Morning, March 6, Arcadia

The annual Safety Morning program will be conducted on March 6th at the Turner Agri-Civic Center, Arcadia beginning at 7:00 AM with registration and the first presentation at 7:30 AM. Program presentations include: Worker Protection Standards Handler Training, basic first aid, GHS and pesticide labels, heat stress, equipment safety, farm electrical safety, and transporting agricultural equipment on public roads. The program will conclude around 11:30 AM.

For more information on the program or to register, please see the attached flyer. Pre-registration is requested prior to March 1 and has a registration fee of \$3.00 per person.

After the meeting, training certificates and WPS Handler Training verification cards will be mailed to the participating companies.

Continuing education units (CEUs) have been requested for the restricted use pesticide (RUP) license.

Crop Insurance Program, February 21, Arcadia

A meeting to discuss citrus crop insurance programs as a risk management tool for citrus growers will be held on February 21 at the DeSoto County Extension Service Office, 2150 Roan Street, Arcadia. Dr. Ariel Singerman, Economist at the Citrus Research & Education Center, will discuss the three types of insurance that growers can obtain. These three programs include: tree, crop and whole farm revenue insurance.

The program will begin at 10:00 AM and conclude prior to noon. Pre-registration is requested by calling the DeSoto County Extension Service Office at 863-993-4846.

Citrus Rootstock Field Day, March 7, Babson Park

The CRDF will be conducting a citrus rootstock field day on Wednesday, March 7 at Peace River Packing Company grove located at the intersection of Murray and Lambs Road, Babson Park. This trial is part of a large replicated, multi-location trial to investigate HLB tolerance by looking at UF and USDA rootstocks. Rootstocks in the trial include: US-812, US-897, US-942, UFR-2, UFR-3, UFR-4, UFR- 16 and Carrizo. Horticultural performance will be discussed along with the distribution of summary data

and maps. Attendees will be free to explore the location during the field day to make their own observations of each rootstock performance at this site.

Drs. Jude Grosser and Kim Bowman will be speaking at the event and available to answer questions regarding their rootstocks which are highlighted in the trial.

The program will offer one CEU in crop management for those that have a certified crop advisor license.

For more information on the trial and how to register, please see the attached flyer.

Flower Bud Advisory for the 2018 Bloom Period

Dr. Gene Albrigo is posting his flower bud advisory about every three weeks for the 2018 bloom season to the Citrus Research & Education Center website at:

<http://www.crec.ifas.ufl.edu/extension/flowerbud/2018/index.shtml> .

Once at the site, click the 2018 season and then all current postings will be available for review. Six advisories have been posted for the 2018 bloom season.

Currently his forecast is for 2 blooms with the first beginning around February 18-March 1 and then a second wave from March 13-29.

These advisories will aid you planning your sprays in the event of a wet spring and the potential for PFD to impact bloom.

CHMA Data, Cycle 113

The CHMA Sectional Mapping Program has been updated with the scouting data for Cycle 113 (1/8/2018–1/26/2018) is now available at www.flchma.org. Once at the site click on the banner that says "CHMA Sectional Mapping Program". Next, click the link that say "enter".

If you have any questions the CHMA data, contact Brandon Page at 863-956-8653 or by email at bp@ufl.edu.

Dates to Remember

Feb.13, 20, 27 Citrus Production School, Arcadia
 Feb. 21 Crop Insurance
 March 6 Safety Morning, Arcadia
 March 7 Rootstock Field Day, Ft. Meade

Sincerely,

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Enc.: Safety Morning, March 6
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