

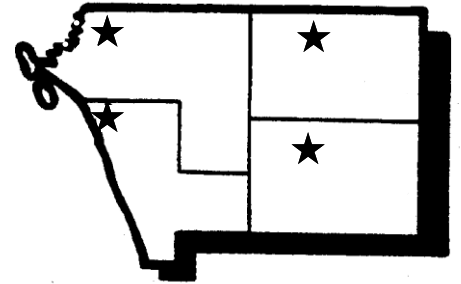
## West Central Citrus Letter

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**February 11, 2019**

### **Safety Morning, March 5, 2019**

The annual Safety Morning will be conducted on March 5 at the Turner AgriCivic Center in Arcadia. The program begins at 7 AM with registration and with presentations at 7:30 AM.

Topics covered will include Worker Protection Standards Handler Training, basic first aid, understanding pesticide labels, PPE, equipment safety, respirator use and care, highway safety, and what to do at a possible ag crime scene,

Advance registration is requested prior to March 1. Pre-registration is required to be able to properly record participant's names and business address information to mail training verification certificates after the program.

Registration is \$3 per person.

For more information about the program, please see the enclosed program flyer.

### **Citrus Production School, February 12, 19 & 26, 2019, Arcadia**

The annual citrus production school will be conducted on Tuesday evenings, February 12, 19 and 26, 2019 at the Family Service Center in Arcadia. Each class will begin at 7:00 PM and conclude prior to 9:00 PM.

Continuing education units (CEUs) will be offered for each session for both private and ag tree crop licenses.

### **Restricted Use Pesticide License Training in Natural Areas Weed Management (February 28) and Right-of-Way Pest Control (March 7)**

Classes to review information on the restricted use pesticide license test for Natural Areas and Right-of-Way pest control will be conducted at the DeSoto County Extension Service Office in Arcadia. The class for Natural Areas Weed Management will be conducted on February 28 and the Right-of-Way will be on March 7. Both classes will begin at 8:30 AM with the test being given at 11:00 AM.

Registration fee is \$5 per person and can be made by calling the DeSoto County Extension Service Office at 863-993-4846.

If you need either study book, they can be ordered directly from UF IFAS Bookstore at 1-800-226-1764. If ordering the books request SP 295 (\$14) for the Natural Areas Weed Management text and SM9 (\$24) for the Right-of-Way Pest Control text. When ordering, an additional fee will be charged for sales tax and mailing. Please order at least several days prior to

the class to ensure the books will arrive prior to the class. Books will not be available on the training day.

Two and one-half continuing education units (CEUs) are being offered for both trainings for those who already have a restricted use pesticide license.

### **Flower Bud Advisory**

The latest flower bud advisory issued by Dr. Gene Albrigo is now available at: [https://crec.ifas.ufl.edu/extension/flowerbud/2019/1\\_14\\_19.shtml](https://crec.ifas.ufl.edu/extension/flowerbud/2019/1_14_19.shtml) . Per the report, it is estimated that flowering will most likely occur during the first week of March. The actual flowering time can be impacted by cooler weather during the next few weeks, thus check the above mentioned site for future updates.

### **Bees**

Growers should be aware with the upcoming citrus bloom season that is likely to occur around March 1<sup>st</sup>. Most of the insecticides recommended for psyllid control have restrictions on the labels limiting application during bloom periods due to the potential impact that those products may have on bees.

In the printed version of the annual Florida Citrus Production Guide, page 86, table 2, you will find a list of chemicals for the control of Asian citrus psyllid to use during bloom that have limited impact on bees.

Remember, it is your responsibility to ensure your pesticide applications do not harm pollinators that may be in your grove or on neighboring property.

### **Marathon Mandarin**

Dr. Fred Gmitter is in the process of releasing a new seedless mandarin orange variety that matures in October. The variety is easy to peel, stays on the tree longer after maturity and has high internal quality.

The variety is not yet available from nurseries, but orders should be able to be placed in the fall.

He anticipates releasing certified trees to licensed citrus nurseries later this year to use be used for budwood increase trees.

For more information on Marathon, please contact Dr. Fred Gmitter at [fgmitter@ufl.edu](mailto:fgmitter@ufl.edu).

### **Produce Safety Alliance Training**

Please see the enclosed food safety workshop flyer for upcoming programs that are scheduled this spring.

#### **Dates to remember:**

- Feb. 12, 19, 26 Citrus Production School, Arcadia
- Feb. 28 Natural Areas RUP review class, Arcadia
- March 5 Safety Morning, Arcadia
- March 7 Right-of-Way RUP review class, Arcadia
- April 2 Citrus Growers Institute, Avon Park

Sincerely,

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Enc.: Safety Morning Program Flyer  
Food Safety Workshop Flyer

# Safety Morning

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Turner Agri-Civic Center, 2250 NE Roan Street, Arcadia, Florida

## SCHEDULE

- 7:00 AM Registration
- 7:30 AM Worker Protection Standards Handler Training Steve Futch, UF/IFAS Extension (English session),  
Cesar Asuaje, UF/IFAS Extension Palm Beach County (Spanish session)
- 8:30 AM Break
- 8:50 AM Presentations approximately 20 minutes each  
Basic First Aid on the Farm, DeSoto County EMS/Fire Department  
Pesticide Labels and PPE Requirements, Chris Oswald, UF/IFAS Extension Polk County  
Equipment Safety, Steve Futch, UF/IFAS Extension  
Respirator Use and Care, Frank Dowdle, UF/IFAS Palm Beach County  
Highway Safety & What to do at a potential Crime Scene at the farm, DeSoto County Sheriff Office  
Heat Stress, Stings and Bites, Laurie Hurner, UF/IFAS Highlands County Extension
- 11:00 AM Jeopardy Game - Safety Review, Jamie Burrow, UF/IFAS Citrus Research and Education Center
- 11:30 AM Program Adjourns

CEUs  
Available for  
RUP License  
Holders

## REGISTRATION OPTIONS

### OPTION #1

**\$3.00 per person**

Complete registration form below and mail to

Steve Futch, CREC

700 Experiment Station Rd., Lake Alfred, FL 33850

**Make checks payable to: Citrus Advisory Committee**

### OPTION #2

**\$4.82 per person which includes**

**their processing fee**

Register online at:

<https://safetymorning2019.eventbrite.com>

**Registration required prior to March 1, 2019**



## REGISTRATION FORM

Safety Morning – Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Mail registration form to Steve Futch, UF/IFAS CREC, 700 Experiment Station Road, Lake Alfred, FL 33850

For more information, call 863-956-8644 or email, shf@ufl.edu

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Name	English Session	Spanish Session

*Please use additional sheet as necessary.*



## 2019 Food Safety Workshops



### Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training

A one-day course for fruit and vegetable growers and packers who fall under FSMA's Produce Safety Rule

- **01/23/19 – Cantonment**  
<https://psa012319.eventbrite.com>
- **01/30/19 – West Palm Beach**  
<https://psa013019.eventbrite.com>
- **04/09/19 – Dade City**  
<https://psa040919.eventbrite.com>
- **04/23/19 – Wimauma**  
<https://psa042319.eventbrite.com>
- **05/01/19 – Kissimmee**  
<https://psa050119.eventbrite.com>
- **06/06/19 – Homestead**  
<https://psa060619.eventbrite.com>

### Beyond Basic Produce Food Safety: A Hands-On Analysis

This one-day course is targeted at those who have already attended a food safety training and are looking for a more in-depth and hands-on experience. It is not a substitute for a PCQI or PSA Grower Training for FSMA.

- **03/14/19 – Lake Alfred**  
<https://beyondbasic031419.eventbrite.com>
- **04/16/19 – Live Oak**  
<https://beyondbasic041619.eventbrite.com>

### Preventive Controls for Human Food- Preventive Controls Qualified Individual (PCQI) Training

This three-day course for those covered under FSMA's Preventive Controls for Human Food Rule

- **03/19-21/19 – Lake Alfred**  
<https://fspca031919.eventbrite.com>

### HACCP for Florida Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Packinghouses

This two-day course is not a requirement of FSMA rules, but may be required by some third party audit schemes

- **02/28/19 - 03/01/19 – Wimauma**  
<https://haccp022819.eventbrite.com>

### Questions?

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