

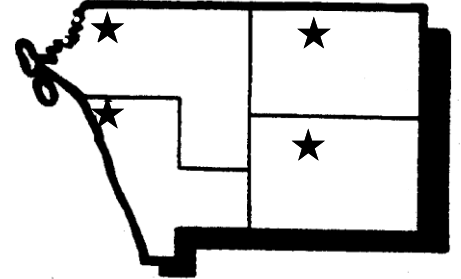
West Central Citrus Letter

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January 2, 2013

Farm Labor Supervisor Training Program, Jan. 17, 2013, Turner Center Exhibition Hall, Arcadia

This training is designed for bus and van drivers, anyone that transports farm workers and will discuss issues of compliance for DOT/DOL rules. The training will be conducted by officers of the Florida Department of Transportation. Topics discussed will include: vehicles and car-pooling; van safety issues, licensing, authorizations and insurance; markings and postings, driver qualifications files, hours of service; and, drug and alcohol testing.

Registration fee is \$25 per person and is requested prior to Jan. 10, 2013. For more information about the program, please see the enclosed flyer or contact Marcella Rice at 239-658-3400.

Citrus Production School, Feb. 12, 19, 26, 2013, Arcadia

The annual citrus production school will be conducted in Feb. 2013 at the Family Service Center, 310 W. Whidden Street in Arcadia from 7-9 PM on three consecutive Tuesday evenings. Topics are as follows:

Feb. 12, 2013

Advance Citrus Production Systems, Rootstocks for the Future and in High Density Plantings

Feb. 19, 2013

Citrus Root Health and Canker Update, Nutritional Therapy and Tree Rejuvenation in an HLB Era

Feb. 26, 2013

Psyllid and Pest (insect and mites) Management, CHMA Update, and BMP Manual Update

Please note the meeting will be held at the Family Service Center and not the Turner Exhibition Hall as in past years.

To register, please see the enclosed registration form. Registration fee is \$15 per person.

Private and Core Restricted Use Pesticide License Review and Testing, Jan. 16, 2013, Wauchula

A three-hour pesticide license review and testing class will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 16th at the Hardee County Extension Service Office at 507 Civic Center Drive in Wauchula. The class will review the materials contained in the test 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 that have a current pesticide license and will be renewing using CEUs. A registration fee of \$38.00 per person is charged to cover the study manuals and refreshments. To attend the class for only CEUs, the registration fee is \$5.00. 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 prior to Jan. 11, 2013.

Ag Tree Crop Pesticide License Review and Testing, Jan. 31, 2013, Arcadia

A two-hour pesticide license review and testing class will be held on Thursday, Jan. 31, 2013 at the DeSoto County Extension Service Office at 2150 NE Roan Street in Arcadia. The class will review the materials contained

in the test to obtain a commercial ag tree crop license. The class will begin at 9:00 AM and conclude at 11:00 AM at which time the exam will be given.

Two CEUs will be offered to individuals that have a current pesticide license in the ag tree crop category. 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 \$5.00. If you wish to attend the class to take the exam or receive CEUs, please call the DeSoto County Extension Service Office at 863-993-4846. Pre-registration is requested prior to Jan. 28, 2013.

2012-13 Winter Weather Watch

The Polk County Winter Weather Watch program is running until March 15, 2013. The cost to register for the program is \$100 per season. This recorded weather forecast is update on a daily basis and periodically during the day when freezing temperatures are expected.

For more information about the recorded forecast, please contact Chris Oswalt at 863-519-8677.

Citrus Black Spot

In late November, USDA confirmed the presence of citrus black spot in Polk County in a commercial grove. It would not be unexpected to find additional locations where citrus black spot is found within Florida. If you see unusual symptoms on fruit, please contact the FDACS to have those fruit inspected.

When present, the symptoms are more visible on fruit as it begins to mature, especially after color break.

For more information on the symptoms, please see http://www.crec.ifas.ufl.edu/extension/black_spot/citrus_black_spot.shtml.

Florida Citrus Show, Ft. Pierce

The annual Florida Citrus Show will be held on Jan. 23-24, 2013 at the Havert L. Fenn Center in Ft. Pierce. Program and registration information can be found at <http://www.citrusshow.com>.


International HLB Research Conference, Feb. 3-8, 2013, Orlando

The 3rd International Conference on HLB will be held in Orlando at the Caribe Royale Hotel. Registration information is available at <http://irchlb.org/hlb.aspx>. The program will not have the traditional 'grower' day at the end of the program. However, a grower day is being developed to be held at the Citrus Research & Education Center on Wednesday, March 6.

Dates to remember:

- Jan. 16 Private Restricted Use Pesticide License Review and Testing, Wauchula
- Jan. 17 Farm Labor Supervisor Training, Arcadia
- Jan. 23-24 Florida Citrus Show, Ft. Pierce
- Jan. 31 Ag Tree Crop Restricted Use Pesticide License Review and Testing, Arcadia
- Feb. 3-8 International HLB Research Conference, Orlando
- Feb. 12, 19, 26 Citrus Production School, Arcadia

Sincerely,



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Enc: Farm Labor Supervisor Training Program
Citrus Production School registration form