

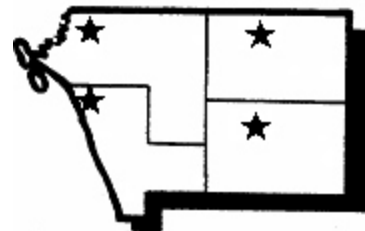
West Central Citrus Letter

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Citrus Greening

By now some growers may be getting tired of hearing about the spread of citrus greening within the State of Florida. With each week, additional finds are being reported by the Florida Department of Agriculture. A map of current and past greening finds within Florida can be found at:

http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/pi/chrp/greening/maps/cgsit_map.pdf. The Department of Agriculture and the Citrus Research & Education Center web sites also provide additional information on greening.

While greening is currently being found in DeSoto and Manatee Counties, Hardee County remains free of greening. However, I would assume it is only a matter of time until it is reported in many of the currently greening-free areas. Growers need to understand the implications that greening will have within the industry for many years. Citrus growers must develop survey programs as well as eradication of positive tree(s) along with programs for psyllid management to minimize the impact of greening with time. To wait and do nothing will only set up their grove for disaster and decline.

All growers should have seen pictures or greening symptoms in the field. If you need photos on greening or information, please do not hesitate to call or email.

Citrus Health Response Plans

The Florida Department of Agriculture and IFAS will be conducting five grower meetings to discuss the

citrus health response plan (CHRP) in July and August. The meetings will be held on July 17th in Bartow, August 1st in Arcadia, August 2nd in Sebring with additional meetings being held in Ft. Pierce and Immokalee. These meetings will provide information on new guidelines and regulations to aid in managing citrus greening and canker. The CHRP compliance agreements are required of all commercial citrus growers by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS).

Citrus Diseases

With all the discussion related to citrus greening over the past few months, some growers may have forgotten the need to control other citrus diseases including citrus canker and greasy spot. Information on the recommended control practices and listed chemicals can be found in the annual citrus pest management guide or on the web at:

<http://www.edis.ifas.ufl.edu>. Once at the web site, other University of Florida electronic publications can be easily found by searching by desired topic in the site search window.

The specific web site address for citrus diseases of canker and greasy spot are as follows:
canker – <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/CG040>
greasy spot – <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/CG018>.

Private Pesticide License Review and Testing, August 8, 2007

A three-hour pesticide license review and testing class will be held on Wednesday, August 8th at the Hardee County Extension Service Office at 507 Civic Center Drive in Wauchula. The class will review the materials contained in the tests to obtain a private applicator pesticide license. The class will begin at 9:00 A.M. and conclude at noon with the tests being given at 1:00 P.M. Three CEUs (2 Core and 1 Private) will be offered to individuals who have a current pesticide license. 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 \$3.00. 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 by August 1st.

Train-the-Trainer & Understanding WPS Requirements, August 9, 2007

The Extension Service will be conducting a Worker Protection Standards (WPS) training class on August 9th to train growers and farmers as to the requirements of WPS as well as conducting a train-the-trainer class. The class will be conducted at the DeSoto County Extension Service Office beginning at 3:00 PM and concludes at 5:00 PM.

Pre-registration is requested by August 2nd by calling the DeSoto County Extension Service Office in Arcadia at 863-993-4846. Registration fee of \$5.00 per person is requested to cover program costs.

Two CEUs for use in renewing the restricted use pesticide license have been requested in the private and ag tree crop categories from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Florida Citrus Expo, Aug. 22, 23

The annual Citrus Expo will be held August 22 and 23 at the Lee County Civic Center in Ft. Myers. The program will focus on managing today's risk for tomorrow's profit. This year's program includes speakers from Brazil, Australia, and South Africa. Topics discussed will include citrus greening, re-establishment of citrus nursery rootstocks and grove replanting plans and much more. Continuing education units will be offered for both holders of restricted use pesticide licenses and certified crop advisors.

Online pre-registration can be made at <http://citrusexpo.inetsg.net/citrusexpo.aspx> . Online registration is requested by August 15, 2007. For those who choose not to pre-register online, registration can be made by calling 352-671-1909. Please see the enclosed flier for more information on the Expo program.

Continuing Education Units

Certified applicators of restricted use pesticides may renew their licenses by obtaining continuing education units (CEUs) over the period of time their pesticide license is valid. The CEUs are available from a number of sources including your local Extension Service Office. Additional sources include articles written in Citrus & Vegetable Magazine as well as on-line tutorials. The CEUs from the Citrus & Vegetable Magazine can be obtained for a period of 1-year after publishing by following the directions in selected issues.

On-line tutorials are also developed by the UF/IFAS Pesticide Information Office. The purpose of the tutorials is to provide applicators a way to obtain CEU credit without attending classes by using electronic media. While working through the tutorials, questions must be answered before completion of the learning module. After completion of the module, the author will submit to the Florida Department of Agriculture the allowable CEU credit approval. Each tutorial is posted on-line by the UF/IFAS Extension Bookstore as a for-sale publication. The tutorials can be found at www.ifasbooks.ufl.edu/merchant2 and must be purchased by calling 1-800-226-1764.

Agri-mek Label Changes

Agri-mek has made changes to its product label. The major changes are as follows:

- Use of 5-20 oz./A for the control of citrus leafminer and citrus rust mites
- A maximum of 3 applications per season
- A minimum application interval of 30 days
- A maximum seasonal use amount of 40 oz./A

Please obtain a new product label before adopting the above noted changes.

Pendimax Label Changes

The label for Pendimax 3.3 has been changed to allow its application to bearing citrus trees. The product has had a nonbearing label for a number of years. Pendimax (active ingredient is pendimethalin) is used for the preemergence control of grasses in citrus. Additional forms of pendimethalin (Prowl H₂O) are available for use in mature citrus. The preharvest interval for several formulations of pendimethalin is now listed at one day. As with all pesticides, be sure to have an updated label in your possession prior to making applications.

Dates to remember –

- July 17 CHRP meeting, Bartow
- July 24 CHRP meeting, Ft. Pierce
- July 25 CHRP meeting, Immokalee
- Aug. 1 CHRP meeting, Arcadia
- Aug. 2 CHRP meeting, Sebring
- Aug. 8 Pesticide License Review & Testing,
Wauchula
- Aug. 9 WPS Train-the-Trainer, Arcadia
- Aug. 22-23 Citrus Expo, Ft. Myers

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