

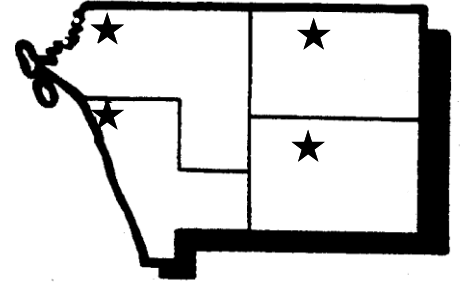
West Central Citrus Letter

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July 21, 2014

Citrus Expo, Aug. 13 & 14, 2014

The annual Citrus Expo will be held Aug. 13 & 14 at the Lee County Civic Center in Ft. Myers. The theme for this year's program is "From Roots to Fruits". As in the past, the first day's program is from 9:30 AM until 4 PM with the second day begins at 9:30 AM and concluding at noon with a steak dinner. The trade show is open from 8 AM to 5 PM on the first day and from 8 AM until after lunch on the second day. The program offers 6 CEUs for those attending the full program. Please see the attached flyer for a full listing of times and program topics.

Preregistration is requested prior to Aug. 8th at <http://www.citrusexpo.net/>.

FireWall™ 50WP

FireWall™ 50WP has been approved for use against citrus canker on Florida grapefruit under a Section 18 Emergency Exemption. The label **does not** permit application to other citrus varieties. Growers can make a maximum of two applications per season with a minimum of 21 days between applications. The label states a 60 day pre harvest interval. If applying the material, be sure to have a Section 18 Emergency Exemption label for your records prior to application that list your intended use.

Please be aware that is a violation of Federal law to use the product in a manner inconsistent with the labeling. As with all pesticides, be sure to read and follow the label direction to ensure you are in full compliance with all label requirements.

Private and Core Restricted Use Pesticide License Review and Testing, Aug. 26, 2014, Wauchula

A three-hour pesticide license review and testing class will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 26 at the Hardee County Extension Service Office, 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 AM and conclude at noon with the test being given at 1:00 PM.

Three CEUs (2 Core and 1 Private) will be offered to individuals that have a current pesticide license and will renew using CEUs. A registration fee of \$45.00 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 exams, please call the Hardee County Extension Service Office at 863-773-2164 to register. Pre-registration is requested prior to Aug. 20, 2014.

PFD Survey

Recently, a number of growers around the state have expressed concern about finding postbloom fruit drop (PFD) in some of their citrus groves. To better assess the extent to which PFD was a problem in the spring of 2014, Dr. Megan Dewdney, plant pathologist, has developed an easy to use, on line survey for growers to complete. By completing the

survey, Dr. Dewdney can better determine the extent of the problem and develop programs to aid in PFD control in the spring of 2015. Dr. Dewdney is requesting all surveys be completed by July 18, 2014. The survey can be found at: https://ufl.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_1zgL1WL2hqpnA3j . If you have questions about the survey, please do not hesitate to call or email me at the Citrus Research & Education Center in Lake Alfred.

Cogongrass Workshop, Aug. 13, 2014

A cogongrass workshop will be held on Aug. 13 at the Gulf Coast Research & Education Center in Balm. The program highlights biology, ecology and management strategies for the invasive weed. The program is limited to the first 200 to register. Registration fee is \$15 per person. For more information please contact 863-735-1314. Registration can be made at 2014cogongrassworkshop.eventbrite.com. Preregistration is requested prior to Aug. 6th.

Citrus Packing House Day, Aug. 21, 2014

The annual Citrus Packing House day will be conducted in Ft. Pierce on Aug. 21 at the Indian River Research & Education Center. For more information, please contact Dr. Mark Ritenour at 772-468-3922, extension 167 or by email at ritenour@ufl.edu .

Florida Pomegranate Meeting, Aug. 22, 2014

The Florida Pomegranate Association will be holding their annual meeting on Aug. 22 at McTeer Farms, Inc., 3901 Hatchineha Road, Haines City from 10:30 AM until 3:00 PM. Emory McTeer will provide discussion on the 40 pomegranate varieties he is currently growing at his farm. Lunch will be served at Floridino's (29400 US Hwy 27) in Lake Hamilton starting at 12:30. Participants will be able to discuss pomegranate concepts and issues with other growers after lunch.

Preregistration is \$15 for Florida Pomegranate Association members and \$20 for non-members. For more information about the program or the pomegranate association, please contact Cindy Weinstein at 863-604-3778 or by email at flpomegranate@gmail.com.

New Varieties Development & Management Corporation

If you are looking for information on some of the nine experimental UF/IFAS citrus selections that are being made available through the FAST TRACK program, please visit <http://www.nvdmc.org/> . This FAST TRACK program is a way to release new plant material to the industry for their evaluation.

The latest three new releases are N2-28 (Summer Gold grapefruit), RBB 7-34 (mandarin/orange hybrid) and 711 (mid-season tangerine).

For more information on the New Variety Development & Management Corporation or how to become involved in testing new releases, please contact Dr. Peter Chaires at pchaires@nvdmc.org .

Sunbelt Ag Expo, Oct. 14-16, 2014, Moultrie, GA

If you want to see the newest agricultural technology, the Sunbelt Ag Expo may be what you are looking for. The annual event attracts upwards of 100,000 visitors from all over the country. The Expo has some 4,000 product lines on display and 1,200 commercial exhibitors. For more information on the Expo, please see <http://sunbeltexpo.com/> .

Dates to Remember:

- Aug. 13-14, 2014 Citrus Expo, Ft. Myers
- Aug. 13, 2014 Cogongrass Workshop, Balm
- Aug. 21, 2014 Citrus Packing House Day, Ft. Pierce
- Aug. 22, 2014 Florida Pomegranate Meeting, Haines City
- Aug. 26, 2014 Restricted Use Pesticide License Review and Testing, Wauchula
- Oct 14-16, 2014 Sunbelt Ag Expo, Moultrie, GA
- Feb. 8-13, 2015 International HLB Conference, Orlando

Sincerely,

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