

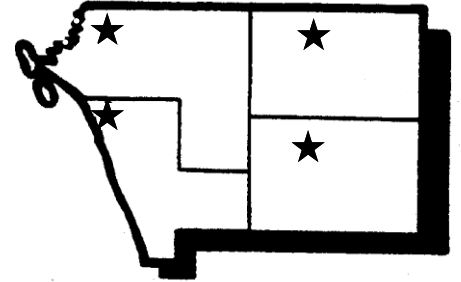
## West Central Citrus Letter

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**June 8, 2019**

### **Citrus Cost Survey Meeting, June 6, 2019, Arcadia**

Dr. Ariel Singerman, Farm Economist, University of Florida, Citrus Research & Education Center will be hosting a grower meeting to determine the cost of production for Florida citrus in the Peace River Valley citrus production area on June 6, 2019. The aggregate data collected will be used by many agencies in determining various institutional programs not only in our area but statewide. It is important to get as many growers as possible to participate in the meeting to ensure a large enough representative sample is obtained to fairly estimate the annual cost of production. All collected data is kept confidential and is reported to Dr. Singerman using remote clickers to enter your specific data.

The meeting will be held at the DeSoto County Extension Service Office, 2150 Roan Street, Arcadia beginning at noon with lunch and then followed with data collection exercise. Please call the DeSoto County Extension Service Office at 863-993-4846 to reserve lunch which will be catered by Slims Deep South BBQ. After calling to office to RSVP, a sample cost survey sheet will be mailed or email to you to make reporting data easier.

### **Ag Tree Crop and Core Restricted Use Pesticide License Review and Testing, June 19, Arcadia**

A three-hour pesticide license review and testing class will be conducted on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at the DeSoto County Extension Service Office, 2150 NE Roan Street, Arcadia. The class will review the materials contained in the test to obtain an Ag Tree Crop applicator pesticide license. The class will begin at 8:30 A.M. and conclude at noon with the test being given at 1:00 P.M.

Three and one half CEUs (2 Core and 1.5 Ag Tree Crop) are offered to individuals that have a current pesticide license and will be renewing using CEUs. A registration fee of \$5.00 per person is charged to attend the class. Please call the DeSoto County Extension Service Office at 863-993-4846 to register. Pre-registration is requested prior to June 17th.

If you wish to obtain a copy of the study book for the exam, a few copies will be at the DeSoto County Extension Office or they can be ordered from IFAS Bookstore at 352-392-1764. The study books are \$20 for the Ag Tree Crop and \$24 for the Core manual, plus shipping, handling and sales tax. If ordering from IFAS bookstore, please order in time for them to be delivered by mail prior to the program on June 19.

**Certified Pile Burner Class on, Wednesday, July 24, 2019, Immokalee**

The Florida Division of Forestry and University of Florida Cooperative Extension Service will be conducting a Certified Pile Burners Course that will show you how to burn piles legally, safely and efficiently.

If you burn piles regularly, don't put off registering for this training. When the weather is dry, certified pile burners will receive priority for authorization to burn. Also, certified pile burners are allowed to burn up to two hours longer per day and get multiple day authorizations. The number of trainings offered and attendance at each training is LIMITED. This training will be held from 8:00 am till 4:30 pm at the Southwest Florida Research and Education Center in Immokalee on July 24, 2019.

Pre-registration is required to attend, and class size is limited to the first 50 people.

The \$50 fee covers the training sessions, a booklet with all the presentations in color, other handouts, refreshments, and lunch.

For more information or to register for the program, please contact Mongi Zekri at the Hendry County Extension Service office in LaBelle at 863-674-4092.

**Dates to Remember:**

June 6	Citrus Cost Survey, Arcadia
June 19	Ag Tree Crop review and testing, Arcadia
July 24	Certified Pile Burner class, Immokalee

Sincerely,

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