

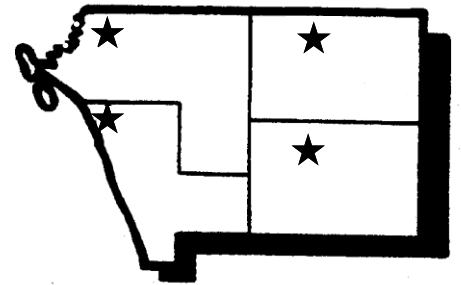
West Central Citrus Letter

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May 2, 2016

Irrigation and Nutrient Management Meeting, May 11, Arcadia, 10:00 AM

A citrus grower meeting will be held at the Family Service Center, 310 West Whidden Street, Arcadia on Wednesday, May 11. The meeting will begin at 10:00 AM and conclude with lunch at noon.

Topics discussed will include:

- Irrigation requirements for HLB trees,
- Use of Tree Tee-Pees for water savings and impact on tree growth, and
- Foliar and ground nutrition on citrus trees affected by HLB.

Please call the DeSoto County Extension Service office at 863-963-4846 to pre-register for the meeting. Pre-registration is required by Friday, May 6.

Please note that funding for the Tree Tee-Pee study was provided by the Florida Department of Agriculture Office of Water Policy and lunch is being supplied by IFAS BMP program.

Citrus Grower Round Table, May 25, Wauchula, 8:00 AM

The Extension Service and the Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association will be hosting a citrus grower roundtable meeting at the Hardee County Extension Service Office, 507 Civic Center Drive, Wauchula, beginning at 8:00 AM on Wednesday,

May 25. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss current citrus grove conditions, observations of PFD this spring, HLB management strategies, outlook for the next season, and what seems to be working best in area citrus groves. No pre-registration is required. For more information on the meeting, please contact Steve Futch or LeAnna Himrod at the Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association.

Private and Core Restricted Use Pesticide License Review and Testing, May 10, Wauchula, 9:00 AM

A three-hour pesticide license review and testing class will be held on Tuesday, May 10 at the Hardee County Extension Service Office, 507 Civic Center Drive, Wauchula. The class will review the materials contained in the test to obtain a Private Applicator pesticide applicator 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 be renewing using CEUs. A registration fee of \$55.00 per person is charged to cover the study manuals (Core and Private) 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 May 4.

Florida Citrus Rootstock Selection Guide: NEW Custom Query Option

The Third Edition of the Florida Citrus Rootstock Selection Guide was recently released online at frootstockselectionguide.org and has now been expanded to include an expert system to aid growers in rootstock selection. The expert system was developed as a collaborative effort of Drs. Steve Rogers, Bill Castle, Steve Futch, and Mr. Andrew Persaud. This newly added function allows users to provide information about their proposed site (horticultural, tolerances, and pest and diseases of concern) to generate rootstock suggestions. From the grower supplied information, the expert system analyzes the 900 factors in the newly expanded rootstock selection guide to generate a ranked list of the best rootstocks for your site based on the user criteria. This expert system does not store or archive any data that is supplied by the user, but allows the user to print a copy of suggested rootstocks. The program can be found at: www.crec.ifas.ufl.edu/extension/citrus_rootstock_templates/guide/.

For more information, please contact Steve Futch at shf@ufl.edu or Andrew Persaud at apersaud@ufl.edu or by phone at 863-956-1151.

Operation Cleansweep

If you have unused or unusable pesticides that need to be properly disposed of, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service may have just the program for you. FDACS can aid you in properly disposing of old, unwanted pesticides and the program is free of charge. Please be aware of program limitations and requirement. While the funds for this physical year have been allocated, funds should become available in July 2016. For more information on the program and how to participate, please contact Shannon Turner at 850-617-7853 or e-mail at Shannon.Turner@freshfromflorida.com.

Citrus Growers' Institute Recorded Presentations

Each year, the presentations from the annual Citrus Growers' Institute are posted to the web. Currently,

we have each year's program (2008-2015) posted to the Citrus Agents website at <http://citrusagents.ifas.ufl.edu/>. Once at the site, look for the archived presentations. The 2016 recorded presentations should be online in early May.

2016 Florida Citrus Pest Management Guides

The 2016 Florida Citrus Pest Management Guides are now available at most Extension Service offices in central Florida. Please stop by any of the Extension Service Offices and pick up a free copy.

Brazil Citrus Tour, June 18-25, 2016

We will be conducting a tour of Brazil's citrus industry in the state of Sao Paulo June 18-25, 2016 and still have room for a few more participants. If you want more information on the trip, please contact me at 863-956-8644 or by e-mail at shf@ufl.edu.

Dates to Remember

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| May 10 | Restricted use pesticide class, Wauchula |
| May 11 | Irrigation, nutrient management meeting, Arcadia |
| May 25 | Citrus grower round table, Wauchula |
| June 12-14 | Florida State Horticultural Society annual meeting, Stuart |

Sincerely,



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