

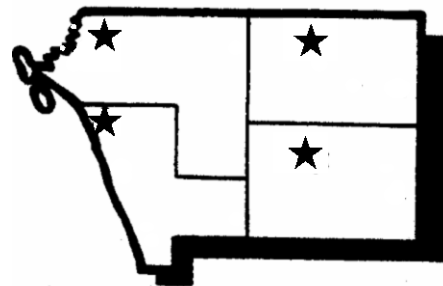
West Central Citrus Letter

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May 8, 2018

Grower Round Table & Diaprepes Management, May 15, Wauchula

Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association and UF/IFAS Extension will be conducting a grower round table meeting on Tuesday, May 15 at the Hardee County Extension Service office beginning at 8 AM and with an update on Diaprepes management beginning at 9:30 AM.

The purpose of the meeting from 8:00-9:30 AM is to allow growers to discuss their observations related to HLB, psyllid management, yields and current crop condition and then followed by a presentation by Dr. Larry Duncan. Dr. Duncan will highlight his trials using parasitic nematodes to control Diaprepes larva in the soil as well as foliar sprays to manage adults in the tree canopy.

Blueberry Seminar, May 30, Wauchula

A blueberry program will be conducted at the Hardee County Agri-Civic Center, 515 Civic Center Drive, Wauchula on Wednesday, May 30. The event will begin at 8:30 AM with registration and the program begins at 9:00 AM and concludes at noon with a sponsored lunch. Topics discussed are varieties, current observations in Southwest Florida, disease and insect management, cultural practices and economics.

The meeting is free to attend but does require advance registration to allow for sufficient meals at the meeting. You can register by calling (863-956-8644), email (shf@ufl.edu) or at <https://blueberryseminar.eventbrite.com>. If you register by calling or email, please be sure to provide the name of the person attending, a phone number, mailing address, and email address.

The lunch is being sponsored by CPS (Jed Weeks), Farm Credit of Florida (Justin Fussell), and Helena (Mark Altman).

Citrus Production Cost Survey, June 7, Arcadia

Dr. Ariel Singerman will be conducting a meeting on Thursday, June 7 beginning at noon to determine the cost of production for the Southwest Florida region. The data collected will be used in developing his annual production cost reports. The meeting will be held at the DeSoto County Extension Office, 2150 NE Roan Street, Arcadia and will begin at noon and conclude prior to 2:00 PM.

To attend, please call Steve Futch at 863-956-8644 prior to June 5 to allow sufficient meals to be ordered from Slim's BBQ.

CRDF Post Board of Directors Seminar, May 22

The Citrus Research & Development Foundation (CRDF) will be hosting an educational

seminar after their monthly Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, May 22 at the UF/IFAS Citrus Research & Education Center in Lake Alfred. The educational seminar will have two topics presented and are as follows: 1) Effects of heat treatments on antimicrobial uptake and translocation in citrus trees and dyed kaolin to repel Asian citrus psyllid in field condition presented by Dr. Christopher Vincent; 2) Zinkicide efficacy trials presented by Dr. Evan Johnson. Presentations will begin at noon and lunch will be provided for those that attend. If you wish to attend the seminar, please register by May 17 by via Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/crdf-research-presentations-and-grower-discussion-tickets-45645662405>.

Citrus Youth Day, June 28, Lake Alfred

Citrus Youth Day will be on Thursday, June 28 at UF/IFAS CREC. This fun, interactive event is for youth 8-18 years old. Participants will learn about Florida citrus, how diseases spread, determine if they are a super taster, how pollinators interact with the environment, and the importance of soil. Registration is now open and limited. You may register at <http://2018citrusyouthday.eventbrite.com>

Stone Fruit Field Day, May 29, Citra

A stone fruit field day will be held at the UF Plant Science Research & Education Center, West Highway 31B, Citra, FL on Tuesday, May 29. The program begins at 9:00 AM and concludes around 3:30 PM. For more information on the program or to register, please visit their website at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/uf-stone-fruit-field-day-tickets-44406239257?utm_term=eventurl_text

Citrus Disaster Program

A lot of information has been distributed in numerous newsletters and publications in the last few weeks regarding the Federal disaster program for citrus and other agricultural crops. The details are still being worked out on how the payments will be calculated.

If you have not visited with your Farm Service Agency recently, it may be a good idea to call them to make sure your farm records are up to date. The Farm Service Agency in Wauchula is located at 316 N. 7th Street, Suite 100, Wauchula, FL

33873. The County Executive Director is Ms. Paige Petteway and can be reached at 863-773-4764 ext 2 or by email at paige.petteway@fl.usda.gov.

Worker Protection Standard Posters

We have a limited supply of the new Worker Protection Standards posters available for pick up at the Extension Service office in either Wauchula or Arcadia. The posters replace the earlier version from several years ago. If you need a few posters, please stop by either Extension Service office and pick up a free copy or two. Remember the poster is to be located in a place where your workers can see it during normal working hours. An ideal location could be in the break area, near your other required posters like minimum wage or workers compensation information. The poster is also to be posted at all permanent mix load sites.

Please remember that my supply is limited, thus only get a few when you are at either office.

Dates to remember:

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| May 15 | Grower Roundtable and Diaprepes management, Wauchula |
| May 22 | CRDF Educational Seminar, Lake Alfred |
| May 29 | Stone Fruit Field Day, Citra |
| May 30 | Blueberry Seminar, Wauchula |
| June 7 | SW Florida Cost of Production Survey program, Arcadia |
| June 10-12 | Florida State Horticultural Society, Ft. Lauderdale |
| June 13-15 | Florida Citrus Mutual, Annual Conference |
| June 28 | Citrus Youth Day, Lake Alfred |

Sincerely,

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Enc.: Blueberry Seminar
Youth Field Day



GROWING BLUEBERRIES IN CENTRAL AND SOUTH FLORIDA

Wednesday, May 30, 2018

Hardee County Agri-Civic Center, 515 Civic Center Drive, Wauchula

AGENDA

- 8:30 am: Registration
- 9:00 am: Blueberry Varieties for Florida, Dr. Patricio Munoz
- 9:30 am: Current Blueberry Observations in Southwest Florida, Mr. Doug Phillips
- 9:50 am: Disease Management, Dr. Phil Harmon
- 10:20 am: Break
- 10:35 am: Insect Management, Dr. Oscar Liburd
- 11:05 am: Cultural Practices, Dr. Jeff Williamson
- 11:30 am: Blueberry Economics and Crop Insurance, Dr. Ariel Singerman
- 12:00 pm: Catered Lunch

REGISTRATION

Registration is required by Friday, May 25, 2018

Online: <https://blueberryseminar.eventbrite.com>

For more information or to register by email or phone, please contact Steve Futch, shf@ufl.edu, 863-856-8644.

If registering by phone or email, please provide name, company name, address, phone number, and email address.

LUNCH SPONSORS



CITRUS YOUTH DAY

Each participant will receive
a t-shirt and sling bag.

Register today!
Space is limited.

**THURSDAY,
JUNE 28,
2018**

**JOIN US FOR THE CITRUS YOUTH DAY
AT THE UF/IFAS CITRUS RESEARCH
AND EDUCATION CENTER (CREC)
IN LAKE ALFRED.**

**Citrus Youth Day will be a fun and
educational experience about Florida
citrus, research, and agriculture
careers for students 8-18 years old.
This will be a great opportunity to
learn about Florida citrus!**

SCHEDULE

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| 8:15 a.m. | Registration |
| 8:45 a.m. | Welcome, UF/CALS Presentation, and
Break into Groups |
| 9:15 a.m. | Group Rotations (Horticulture,
Entomology, Plant Pathology, and
Food Science) |
| 12:30 p.m. | Lunch (pizza & cookies) |
| 1:00 p.m. | Program Adjourns |

Citrus Youth Day is a UF/IFAS 4-H Youth Development Program presented by the University of Florida (UF) Citrus Research and Education Center (CREC). For more information about Florida 4-H, visit <http://florida4h.org/> or call **1-352-846-HHHH**.

REGISTRATION

<https://2018citrusyouthday.eventbrite.com>

Early Registration by May 31 - \$15.00

Registration June 1 - June 14 - \$20.00

Late Registration June 15 - June 28 - \$25.00

Location

UF/IFAS Citrus Research and Education Center
700 Experiment Station Road, Lake Alfred, Florida 33850
For directions, visit <http://www.crec.ifas.ufl.edu/about/map/map.shtml>

Over the past 100 years, the University of Florida (UF) Citrus Research and Education Center (CREC) has been honored to assist the citrus industry in meeting its developmental needs through its Research, Extension, and Teaching programs. CREC is the oldest and largest off-campus experiment station in UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) and is unique among research centers in that it focuses entirely on one commodity, citrus. CREC discovers and delivers innovative solutions that empower citrus and other agricultural interests to conduct responsible and profitable business. CREC fosters scientific excellence and efficient use of resources.

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