

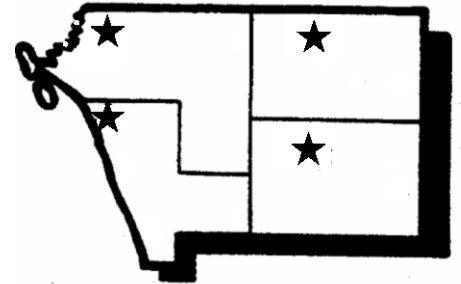
West Central Citrus Letter

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May 13, 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.

Citrus Youth Day, CREC, Lake Alfred, June 27

The annual "Citrus Youth Day" will be held at the Citrus Research & Education Center in Lake Alfred on June 27. The program is for students that are 8-18 years old. Participants will gain a better understanding of how soil and light are important to growing citrus and that not all bugs are bad. Tours for two of the citrus horticultural labs will be conducted as part of the program.

The program begins with registration at 8:15 AM with presentations beginning at 8:45 AM. The program concludes after lunch at 1:00 PM. Early registration prior to May 31 is \$15 and increases to \$20 beginning on June 1 until June 14. Late registration increases to \$25 from June 15 until June 27. To register for the program, please visit <https://2019citrusyouthday.eventbrite.com>. Please see the attached program flyer for more information.

Glyphosate

I am sure you have been seeing information related to glyphosate in the media in recent months.

Below you will find a link for a re-registration document published on 4/23/19. Section 1.C, pages 6-18 deals with public comment periods regarding glyphosate and provides

questions and answers on topics such as cancer, impacts on honeybees, Monarch butterflies, residues in food, etc. This section is written in a direct and easy to understand format.

<https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2019-04/documents/glyphosate-pid-signed.pdf>

Additional information on glyphosate can be found in the below link to a summary of reports from 14 different agencies spanning 12 countries. It is important to read excerpts from these reports to better understand what different independent regulatory bodies have concluded about glyphosate. Currently, only one organization, the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has concluded that glyphosate should be classified as a Group 2A: Probably Carcinogenic to Humans. No other reviewing organization in the world has reached this conclusion.

https://geneticliteracyproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/GlyphosateInfographic_GLP-1.pdf.

When using any pesticide, users should always read and follow all label directions. Following label directions will reduce exposure risks and minimize hazards associated the product use. The decision to select and use any pesticide (including herbicides) is that of the individual producer.

Source for part of the above information: Jason Ferrell, UF IFAS

Core CEUs

If you are need of Core Continuing Education Units (CEUs) to renew your restricted use pesticide (RUP) license, please see the *Citrus Industry* magazine published in August and November 2018 and February and May 2019. Each of the noted issues of the *Citrus Industry* magazine has an article that when the test is completed and returned to the author will be granted 1 Core CEU. These articles can be found at the citrus agent's website at <http://citrusagents.ifas.ufl.edu/info/CEU%20Testing.shtml> or in the magazine.

To renew any of the major RUP licenses, you are required to have at least 4 CEUs in the Core category and then 4 to 12 CEUs in the license category. For example, if you are renewing a

'private' license you are required to have 4 CEUs in each of the core and private categories for a total of 8 CEUs. To renew a commercial ag tree crop license, you are required to have a total of 12 CEUs of which at least 4 are in the core category and 8 are in the ag tree crop category.

2019 Citrus Growers' Institute Recorded Presentations

The recordings of the presentations from the 2019 Citrus Growers' Institute are now available online at: http://citrusagents.ifas.ufl.edu/archived_presentations/index.shtml.

The recording of each presentation can be viewed for this year's program as well as those going back 11 years to 2009. The site is free to use and does not require any passwords or other requirements to access the presentations.

Paraquat

In previous newsletter, I have mentioned that changes will take place over the coming months related to the use of paraquat. These changes are intended to prevent accidental ingestion and reduce the exposure to workers that mix, load and apply paraquat. To obtain more information on upcoming changes, please go to the below EPA link. <https://www.epa.gov/ingredients-used-pesticide-products/paraquat-dichloride>

Upcoming meetings:

June 6 Citrus Cost Survey, Arcadia
June 27 Citrus Youth Day, Lake Alfred

Sincerely,

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Enc.: Citrus Youth Day flyer

CITRUS YOUTH DAY

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

Register today!
Space is limited.

**THURSDAY,
JUNE 27,
2019**

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 and research for students 8-18 years old. Participants will gain a better understanding of how soil and light are important to growing citrus and that not all bugs are bad. There will also be a tour of two citrus horticulture labs. This will be a great opportunity to learn about Florida citrus!

SCHEDULE

8:15 a.m.	Registration
8:45 a.m.	Welcome and Break into Groups
9:00 a.m.	Group Rotations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How Citrus “Sees” Light• Soil Water Sensors• Citrus Pests: The Good and Bad• What happens in a citrus lab!
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
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://2019citrusyouthday.eventbrite.com>

Early Registration by May 31 - \$15.00
Registration June 1 - June 14 - \$20.00
Late Registration June 15 - June 27 - \$25.00

Location

UF/IFAS Citrus Research and Education Center
700 Experiment Station Road
Lake Alfred, Florida 33850
For directions, visit

<https://crec.ifas.ufl.edu/about-us/maps/>

IMPORTANT: When visiting labs, guests are required to wear closed toed shoes, long pants (no shorts), and either short or long sleeved shirt. Please dress accordingly so you may participate in the lab tour.

PARTICIPATION FORM: Upon arrival, all youth participants will be required to have a completed participation form. You may find the form at <http://florida4h.org/participation-form.pdf> or the link will be sent in your order confirmation email.

For more information, please contact

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