

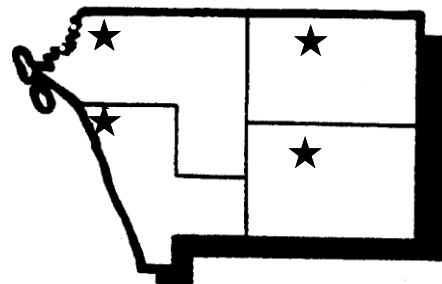
West Central Citrus Letter

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Freeze Preparation

While I know it is hard to believe that winter is just a few weeks away, it is not totally out of the question to get freezing temperatures in late November or early December. Now is the time to prepare by making sure you have your pumps and irrigations system checked out and ready for use.

Check the belts, fuel filters, fuel levels, and batteries now while you have time to make repairs, adjustments, or needed repairs. It is much easier and enjoyable to check emitters and lines while the temperatures are warm, instead of just prior to the potential freeze event.

Citrus under Protective Screen (CUPS) Field Day, November 15, 2018

Dr. Arnold Schumann will be hosting a CUPS field day on Thursday, November 15, 2018. The field day is located at Jerry Mixon's farms (KLM Farms) in Alturas, which is east of Bartow. This is an opportunity to enter inside a CUPS structure to see the growth and performance of 2-year-old citrus trees grown under this type of management system. At the field day, various locations inside the structure will be discussing the production aspects of growing citrus under screen.

WHIP Application Deadline, November 16, 2018

The deadline for the Farm Service Agency (FSA) WHIP Program & Block Grants is November 16, 2018. If you wish to participate in the USDA, Farm Service Agency, Wildfires, Hurricanes Indemnity Program (WHIP), you must make your appointment with your local Farm Service Agency before November 16, 2018. You must also make the application for WHIP to participate in the Florida Citrus Recovery Block Grant program. For more information on either program, contact your local Farm Service Agency.

Citrus Variety Display, December 4, 2018

The next IFAS Citrus Variety Fruit Display will take place at 10:00 AM at the Citrus Research and Education Center, Lake Alfred, FL on December 4, 2018.

On the same afternoon, the CREC staff is hosting a breeding symposium. Breeders from Australia, Italy, Korea, Spain, and Uruguay will be presenting information about their programs, new cultivars, and commercial approaches. The symposium is free to attend.

For more information on the Citrus Variety Display or the Breeding Symposium,

please contact Peter Chaires at pchaires@nvdmc.org or by phone at 321-214-5214.

Florida Automatic Weather Network (FAWN)

Now is the time to review the latest information on FAWN as it is related to various cold protection toolkits for citrus, citrus leaf freezing reports which will begin in mid-November, irrigation scheduling, as well as the new Extension Ag Weather Report. All FAWN reports and tools can be found at <https://fawn.ifas.ufl.edu>.

Winter Weather Forecast

Polk County Extension Service offers a “Winter Weather Watch” program which will begin on November 15, 2018 and runs through mid-March 2019. The program provides growers recorded winter weather forecast information specifically geared toward agricultural interests in West Central and Southwest Florida. Subscribers obtain the information from an unlisted phone number for (24-hour/7 days a week) access to daily weather forecasts. The zone forecast utilizes the National Weather Service (NWS)

information and is listed on the automated phone menu. Forecasts include daily zone forecasts, and 6-10 and 8-14 day outlook forecasts. Special weather narratives are provided as needed in the event of freezing temperatures.

Subscriptions for the Winter Weather Watch program are only \$100.00 for the entire 4-month period (November 15 to March 15). For more information on the recorded weather service, contact Chris Oswalt at the Polk County Extension Service office in Bartow at 863-519-8677 or by email at wcoswalt@ufl.edu.

Dates to remember:

Nov. 15	CUPS Field Day, Alturas
Nov. 16	WHIP Application Deadline
Dec. 4	Citrus Variety Display and Symposium, Lake Alfred

Sincerely,

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CUPS Field Day

UF/IFAS Extension & KLM Farms



Program Information

KLM Farms in Alturas has graciously agreed to allow a UF/IFAS field day of their citrus under protective screen (CUPS) grove. KLM Farms asks that all attendees not enter any other citrus groves or nurseries prior to participating in the field day. In addition, personal decontamination will be required of all persons immediately prior to entering the structure. Decontamination materials will be available onsite.

Participants will have the opportunity to go inside the CUPS structure to see the growth and performance of 2-year old citrus trees grown under the CUPS management system. In addition to going inside the structure there will be various stops along the way to discuss canopy management, CUPS microclimate, pest management, and horticultural operations. This will be a unique opportunity to see the same rootstock/scion combinations grown outside and inside CUPS.

Speakers:

- Dr. Arnold Schumann (nutrition, irrigation & varieties)
- Dr. Tim Ebert (arthropod pest management)
- Dr. Andy Krajewski (canopy management)
- Dr. Arnold Schumann & Chris Oswalt (CUPS weather station & microclimate)

When: November 15, 2018

Where: KLM Farms, Alturas Rd, Alturas, FL

Time: 9am - 11am

Other: Refreshments will be available. Parking onsite, follow the UF/IFAS event signs.

Registration: Call Gail Crawford @ 863.519.1042 or email: dorothyc@ufl.edu or use the following weblink: <https://cupsfieldday.eventbrite.com/>.

Directions: From Bartow, take east Highway 60. Turn right on Alturas Road, go approximately 1.7 miles and the structure will be on the left.

From Lake Wales, take west Highway 60. Turn left on Alturas Road, go approximately 1.7 miles and the structure will be on the left.