

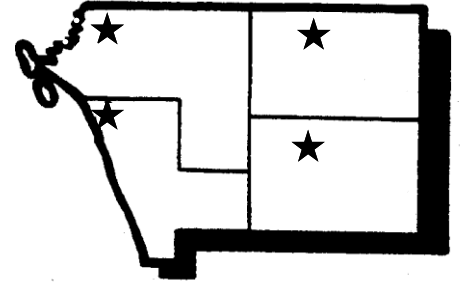
## West Central Citrus Letter

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**September 18, 2014**

### **Citrus Grower Round Table Meeting on Psyllid and HLB Management, Sept. 30 and Oct. 2**

The Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association and UF IFAS Extension are hosting Citrus Grower Round Table meetings in Wauchula on Sept. 30 (Tuesday) and in Arcadia on Oct. 2 (Thursday). Both meetings will begin at 7:30 AM with coffee and donuts and then at 8 AM with grower led discussion on practices that they have found to be effective against psyllids and HLB.

Please come join your fellow growers and share your ideas on how to enhance HLB management. No pre-registration is required.

### **Farm Labor Supervisor Training, Oct 22 & Nov. 5**

UF IFAS will be conducting two different farm labor supervisor training programs in Arcadia. The first training session is on Oct. 22 (8:30 - 12 noon) and covers: DOT Regulations and Driver & Vehicle Preparedness. Registration fee for the Oct. 22 training is \$25.

The training on Nov. 5 will begin at 8:30 AM and conclude at 3 PM. Topics covered include: Wage & Hour, Human Resources and Legal Compliance. Registration for the Nov. 5 program is \$75 and includes lunch.

For more information on these programs please contact Carlene Thissen at 239-658-3449 or by email at [carlene@ufl.edu](mailto:carlene@ufl.edu). To register for the programs, please see the enclosed flier which

identifies the Eventbrite link for each of the meeting locations.

Please see the enclosed program flyer for additional training options and locations.

### **Private and Core Restricted Use Pesticide License Review and Testing, Oct. 23, 2014, Wauchula**

A three-hour pesticide license review and testing class will be held on Thursday, Oct. 23 at the Hardee County Extension Service Office, 507 Civic Center Drive in Wauchula. The class will review the materials contained in the test to obtain a Private Applicator Pesticide 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 renew using CEUs. A registration fee of \$45.00 per person is charged to cover the study manuals 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 exams, please call the Hardee County Extension Service Office at 863-773-2164 to register. Pre-registration is requested prior to Oct. 17, 2014.

### **Operation Cleansweep 2014**

The Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services has obtained a limited amount of funding to conduct a mobile pesticide collection

program. The program will properly dispose of cancelled, suspended and/or unusable pesticides at no cost for specific types of agricultural operations. For more information on the program, please contact Shannon Turner at 877-851-5285 or by email at [cleansweep@freshfromflorida.com](mailto:cleansweep@freshfromflorida.com) or see the enclosed flyer.

Since the program has limited funding, be sure to contact them as soon as possible to discuss pesticide disposal options.

### CHMA Scouting Data

CHMA Sectional Mapping Program has been updated with the scouting data for Cycle 53 which represents the time period August 19, 2014 thru September 5, 2014. You may access the program by visiting the CHMA webpage [www.flchma.org](http://www.flchma.org) and clicking on the banner that says "CHMA Sectional Mapping Program". Next, click the link that says "enter".

If you have any questions regarding the CHMA Program or the CHMA Sectional Mapping Program please contact me or Brandon Page at [bpage@ufl.edu](mailto:bpage@ufl.edu).

Scouting data is being provided by USDA and FDACS from approximately 600 grove locations around the state on a 3-week cycle. By using the data you can enhance your psyllid management program.

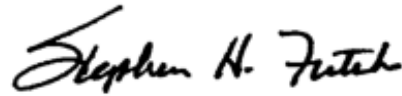
### Sunbelt Ag Expo, Oct 14-16

Sunbelt Agriculture Expo is one of the major agribusiness exhibitions in North America and is located in Moultrie, GA. The expo is 3 days of non-stop action unveiling new technology in agriculture and rural living. Over 1,200 exhibitors will display and demonstrate products at the 100 acre show site. People from different parts of the country come to witness this outstanding exhibition. Sunbelt Agriculture Expo has a proud 37 year history where new products, technologies and their representation gain the highest priority. The changing faces of modern agriculture with enormous business and educational opportunities are showcased under the single roof. For more information on the Expo, please see their website at <http://sunbeltexpo.com>.

### Dates to Remember:

Sept. 30, 2014	Grower Round Table, Wauchula
Oct. 2, 2014	Grower Round Table, Arcadia
Oct 14-16, 2014	Sunbelt Ag Expo, Moultrie, GA
Oct. 22, 2014	Farm Labor Training, Arcadia
Oct. 23, 2014	Pesticide License Review and Testing, Wauchula
Nov. 5, 2014	Farm Labor Training, Arcadia
Feb. 8-13, 2015	International HLB Conference, Orlando

Sincerely,



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Enc.: Farm Labor Supervisor Training Program  
class schedule  
Operation Cleansweep Program flyer