

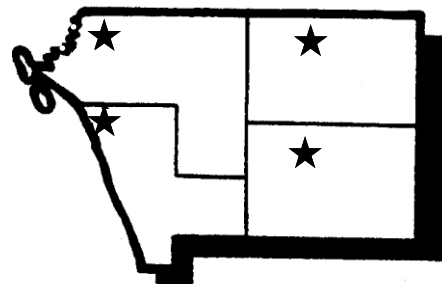
## West Central Citrus Letter

DeSoto Extension Service  
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Arcadia FL 34266  
863/993-4846

Hardee Extension Service  
507 Civic Center Drive  
Wauchula FL 33873  
863/773-2164

Manatee Extension Service  
1303 17th Street West  
Palmetto FL 34221  
941/722-4524

Sarasota Extension Service  
6700 Clark Road  
Sarasota FL 34241  
941/861-9900



**August 30, 2018**

### **WHIP, September 4, 6:30 PM,**

An area WHIP (Wildfire, Hurricane Indemnity Program) meeting for citrus will be conducted in Arcadia at the Turner Center Exhibit Hall, 2260 Roan Street. This program is being administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and provides disaster assistance related to Hurricane Irma for citrus and other crops. This meeting is specific to the citrus indemnity program.

A representative from the Farm Service Agency will be discussing the WHIP program and eligibility requirements during the meeting. If you have questions about the program you can also contact Ms. Petteway at the Farm Service Agency in Wauchula at 863-773-4764 Ext. 2 or by email at [paige.petteway@fl.usda.gov](mailto:paige.petteway@fl.usda.gov). The office in Wauchula handles the FSA program for DeSoto, Hardee, Manatee and Sarasota.

The WHIP program officially began on July 16, 2018. Farm Service Agency offices can provide fact sheets and printed program information related to WHIP as well as other FSA programs.

In addition to WHIP, the Florida Division of Emergency Management (DEM) will offer block grants that contain \$340 million for citrus growers that conduct specific programs. DEM personnel will also be located at FSA offices to assist with their programs.

Please call the DeSoto County Extension Service office at 863-993-4846 to register in order to ensure that adequate handouts are available for each meeting.

### **Agricultural Cost Share Workshop for Citrus, September 12, Arcadia**

The Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association and the Extension Service is hosting an Agricultural Cost Share Workshop in Arcadia on September 12. The meeting will be held at the Turner Agri-Civic Center Exhibit Hall, 2250 Roan Street, Arcadia. The two-hour program will begin at 9:00 AM and conclude around 11:00 AM.

Speakers from the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS), Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Service (FDACS), Natural Resource Conservation Services (NRCS), and Farm Service Agency (FSA) will be making presentations.

Topics include:

- FARMS Program Overview
- FDACS Cost Share Program
- NRCS Cost Share
- FSA Cost Share
- SWFWMD Citrus Task Force

## 2018-19 Florida Citrus Production Guide Now Available

The 2018-19 Florida Citrus Production Guide is now available at many of the local Extension Service offices as well as the offices in Arcadia, Palmetto and Wauchula. The annual publication is available free of charge for pickup. The offices will not be mailing copies due to mailing costs. Please stop by one of the above offices and pick up your free copy.

## CRDF Lunch and Learn Program, September 25, Lake Alfred

The CRDF (Citrus Research and Development Foundation) will be conducting their monthly Board of Directors meeting on September 25 at the Citrus Research & Education Center, Lake Alfred. The directors meeting begins at 10:00 AM, and immediately following the meeting, the “Grower Educational Session” will begin.

Topics for the Educational Session Research Project Updates will include presentations by Drs. Fred Gmitter and Jude Grosser and lab and field tours. More information on their presentation topics will be provided at a later date.

If you are planning to attend the lunch and the research project presentations, please refer to the CRDF website: [citrusrdf.org](http://citrusrdf.org) for updates on how to register.

For instructions to join the meeting by Zoom or Call-In, please refer to our website: [citrusrdf.org](http://citrusrdf.org).

If you have any questions regarding these presentations, please contact Brandy Brown at the CRDF office at 863-956-8817 or by email at [brandy.brown@citrusrdf.org](mailto:brandy.brown@citrusrdf.org).

The next CRDF meeting will be held in Arcadia on October 23 and includes a grower educational session. More information on that program will be available in early October.

## Presentations from the 2018 Citrus Expo

Presentations from the educational sessions of the 2018 Citrus Expo are now available. You may view the presentations from the citrus educational session on the new UF/IFAS Citrus Team website: <http://citrusresearch.ifas.ufl.edu>.

Click below or go to the site to access the presentations: <http://citrusresearch.ifas.ufl.edu/presentations/>.

## 2018 Commercial Citrus Inventory

The report on the commercial citrus inventory was published on August 28 and now lists Polk County as the number one county in citrus acreage with a close second being DeSoto County. Hardee County is number 5 in acreage

County	Total Citrus Acreage
#1 Polk	67,770
#2 DeSoto	67,604
#3 Hendry	64,226
#4 Highlands	58,829
#5 Hardee	44,347
#10 Manatee	14,658

More information on citrus acreage can be found at the National Agricultural Statistics Service’s website at: [https://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/Florida/Publications/Citrus/Commercial\\_Citrus\\_Inventory/Commercial\\_Citrus\\_Inventory\\_Prelim/ccipr18.pdf](https://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Florida/Publications/Citrus/Commercial_Citrus_Inventory/Commercial_Citrus_Inventory_Prelim/ccipr18.pdf).

## 2017-18 Citrus Summary, Production, Price and Value, Production by County and Per Tree Report

The annual citrus summary was published on August 28 and lists Polk County as the number one citrus producing county in the state followed by Highlands County as the number two producer and then followed by DeSoto as the number 3 producing county. The top five counties with their production are listed.

County	Production of all citrus in boxes
#1 Polk	9,260,000
#2 Highlands	7,933,000
#3 DeSoto	7,751,000
#4 Hardee	5,362,000
#5 Hendry	4,785,000

This report also provides an estimate of boxes of fruit per tree by age group and production area for the 2013-14 through 2017-18 production season.

A complete report from the National Agricultural Statistics Service’s website can be found at: [https://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/Florida/Publications/Citrus/Citrus\\_Summary/Citrus\\_Summary\\_Prelim/cit82818.pdf](https://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Florida/Publications/Citrus/Citrus_Summary/Citrus_Summary_Prelim/cit82818.pdf).

**Farm Labor Supervisor Training Program, Sebring (October 9-10) and Wimauma, (October 23-24)**

The Farm Labor Supervisor Training Program is gearing up for another year and they have scheduled two, 2-day trainings. The locations and dates are:

- October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> – Sebring (Highlands County Extension Office)
- October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> – Wimauma/Balm (Gulf Coast Research and Education Center)

Crew leaders, supervisors, office staff, or growers can sign up for individual classes or earn the Certificate of Farm Labor Management if they complete all eight classes.

Please see the enclosed flyer to find more information on the program or how to register.

**Beyond Basic Produce Food Safety: A Hands-On Analysis, October 18, Lake Alfred**

Please see the attached flyer for more information on the one-day training targeted at fresh fruit and/or vegetable growers, harvesters, and packers that turns farm food safety management into an engaging, hands-on and thought-provoking exercise.

The program will work in small groups to perform hazard analysis for working citrus grove and packing house operations.

The training requires advanced registration prior to October 11.

**Produce Safety Alliance Workshops**

Please see the attached Produce Safety Alliance flyer that lists the one-day course for fruit and vegetable growers and packers that will be conducted during the fall of 2018. Class offerings are located from Homestead to St. Augustine from September through December.

For more information on the program or class offerings please contact any of the listed faculty members as noted on the flyer.

**Citrus Growers' Workshop – A Hands-On Learning Experience, September 25-26, Sebring**

This day and a half workshop will cover topics in entomology, horticulture, and plant pathology. The program provides opportunities to learn to test pH and soil meters, and to evaluate tree roots.

Registration fee of \$20 per person and program flyer and registration form can be viewed and completed at: [highlandscitrusworkshop.eventbrite.com](http://highlandscitrusworkshop.eventbrite.com) by using Eventbrite. For more information on the program,

please contact Jamie Burrow at 863-956-8648 or by email at [jdyates@ufl.edu](mailto:jdyates@ufl.edu) .

**Dates to Remember:**

- Sept. 4 WHIP, Turner Exhibit Hall, Arcadia
- Sept. 12 Agricultural Cost Share Program, Arcadia
- Sept. 25 CRDF Board of Directors meeting & Grower Educational Session, Lake Alfred
- Sept. 26-26 Citrus Growers' Workshop, Sebring
- Oct. 9-10 Farm Labor Supervisor Training Program, Sebring
- Oct. 18 Beyond the Basic Produce Food Safety, Lake Alfred
- Oct. 23 CRDF Board of Directors meeting & Grower Educational Session, Arcadia
- Oct. 23-24 Farm Labor Supervisor Training Program, Wimauma

Sincerely,

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# Beyond Basic Produce Food Safety: A Hands-On Analysis

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This program is an interactive one-day workshop targeted to fresh fruit and/or vegetable growers, harvesters, and packers that turns farm food safety management into an engaging, hands-on and thought provoking exercise.

Working in small groups, you'll perform a hazard analysis for a working citrus grove and packinghouse. You'll work to identify the root cause of a potential food safety issue and correct the problem (hands-on) and document the corrective action in an example food safety plan.

After completing this workshop, you'll leave

with an improved understanding of food safety principles and practices that support the production of safe food, as well as Produce Safety Rule compliance, through the visualization of key, real-life, food safety issues discovered through hands-on, problem-based scenarios; and you'll learn to see your operation through the eyes of a microbiologist and practice implementing procedures to reduce the risks in your own operation.

It's highly recommended that you attend a Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training Course prior to attending the "Beyond Basic Produce Food Safety" workshop. Visit <http://www.crec.ifas.ufl.edu/events/> for a list of upcoming Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training courses.

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**October 18, 2018    8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
**UF/IFAS Citrus Research and Education Center**  
**700 Experiment Station Road • Lake Alfred, FL 33850**

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**Cost to Attend: \$35** (includes snacks and lunch)

**Please register at: <https://beyondbasicfoodsafety.eventbrite.com>**

For questions, please email [sarahmccoy@ufl.edu](mailto:sarahmccoy@ufl.edu) or call 863-956-8632



# Beyond Basic Produce Food Safety: A Hands-On Analysis

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## REGISTRATION FORM

Registration is also available online at:

<https://beyondbasicfoodsafety.eventbrite.com>

**UF/IFAS Citrus Research and Education Center – October 18, 2018**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Special meal requirements (vegetarian, etc.):? \_\_\_\_\_

**Important: Make checks payable to “University of Florida”**

Course registration of \$35 per participant is requested by October 11, 2018. Registration will be confirmed upon receipt of registration materials.

Mail check and registration to:

University of Florida  
ATTN: Sarah McCoy  
700 Experiment Station Road  
Lake Alfred, FL 33850

For questions, please email [sarahmccoy@ufl.edu](mailto:sarahmccoy@ufl.edu) or call 863-956-8632



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## 2018 Food Safety Workshops

### Produce Safety ALLIANCE

#### Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training

A one-day course for fruit and vegetable growers and packers who fall under FSMA's Produce Safety Rule

- **8/27/18 – Ft. Pierce**  
<https://psa082718.eventbrite.com>
- **09/13/18 – Homestead**  
<https://psa091318.eventbrite.com>
- **9/17/18 – Lake Alfred**  
<https://psa091718.eventbrite.com>
- **10/3/18 – Live Oak**  
<https://psa100318.eventbrite.com>
- **10/9/18 – Palmetto**  
<https://psa100918.eventbrite.com>
- **10/23/18 – Sebring**  
<https://psa102318.eventbrite.com>
- **11/7/18 – Tavares**  
<https://psa110718.eventbrite.com>
- **11/27/18 – Homestead**  
<https://psa112718.eventbrite.com>
- **12/13/18 – Immokalee**  
<https://psa121318.eventbrite.com>
- **12/17/18 – St Augustine**  
<https://psa121718.eventbrite.com>

#### Beyond Basic Produce Food Safety: A Hands-On Analysis

This one-day course is targeted at those who have already attended a food safety training and are looking for a more in-depth and hands-on experience. It is not a substitute for a PCQI or PSA Grower Training for FSMA.

- **October 18 – Lake Alfred**  
<https://beyondbasicfoodsafety.eventbrite.com>
- **November 1 – Live Oak**  
Register via email to [dtoro@ufl.edu](mailto:dtoro@ufl.edu)

### FSPCA

FOOD SAFETY PREVENTIVE CONTROLS ALLIANCE

#### Preventive Controls for Human Food- Preventive Controls Qualified Individual (PCQI) Training

This three-day course for those covered under FSMA's Preventive Controls for Human Food Rule

- **9/10-9/12/18– Fort Pierce**  
<https://fspca091018.eventbrite.com>
- **12/10-12/12/18- Jacksonville**  
<https://fspca121018.eventbrite.com>

#### HACCP for Florida Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Packinghouses

This two-day course is not a requirement of FSMA rules, but may be required by some third party audit schemes

- **10/1-10/2/18 – Live Oak**  
<https://haccp100118.eventbrite.com>
- **11/19-11/20/18 - Immokalee**  
<https://haccp111918.eventbrite.com>

#### Questions?

Travis Chapin [tkchapin@ufl.edu](mailto:tkchapin@ufl.edu) Michelle Danyluk [mddanyluk@ufl.edu](mailto:mddanyluk@ufl.edu)

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Rachel McEgan [rmcegan@ufl.edu](mailto:rmcegan@ufl.edu) Jill Dunlop [jill.dunlop@ffva.com](mailto:jill.dunlop@ffva.com)

All workshops require advanced registration. Registration questions? Contact Jessica Lepper or Rachel McEgan.

## FARM LABOR SUPERVISOR TRAINING SCHEDULE FOR FALL, 2018

### DAY 1

DAY 1—TIME	Classes
8:00 am - 8:30 am	Registration
8:30 am - 10:15 am	Farm Labor Contractor Basics & Navigating H-2A
10:30 am - 12:15 pm	Wage/Hour Regulations & Managing H-2A Workers
12:15 pm—1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm—2:30 pm	EEOC Compliance—Harassment and Discrimination
2:45 pm - 4:30 pm	Management Communications

### DAY 2

DAY 2—TIME	Classes
8:00 am - 8:30 am	Registration
8:30 am - 10:00 am	Safe Driving
10:15 am—11:30 am	Pesticide Safety
11:30 am - 12:15 pm	Lunch
12:15 pm—1:30 pm	Heat Stress Prevention
1:45 pm - 3:30 pm	Hand Labor Equipment Safety

**Oct. 9 -10, 2018**

**SEBRING**

UF/IFAS Highlands County Extension Office

4509 George Blvd.

Sebring, FL 33875

Ph: 863-402-6540

Register:

<https://fls2018sebring.eventbrite.com>

**Oct. 23 -24, 2018**

**WIMAUMA**

UF/IFAS Gulf Coast Research & Education Center

14625 CR 672

Wimauma, FL 33598

Ph: 813-419-6670

Register:

<https://fls2017wimauma.eventbrite.com>

**Who should take these classes?** Labor Supervisors, Contractors, Crew Leaders, Foremen, Bus & Van Drivers, Human Resources, Payroll, Compliance, Labor Managers, and Farm Managers.

**Language:** English or Spanish

**Class information:** A Certificate of Farm Labor Management is earned by attendees who pass tests in all classes.

**FEE: \$50 per class, \$350 for the Complete Certificate Program (one student must attend all 8 classes)**

**Minimum Class Size:** 10 participants

**To register visit:** <http://swfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/programs/economics/fls> or go directly to the Eventbrite page shown for each location.

**For More Information, contact:** Barbara Hyman (239) 658-3461 ([hymanb@ufl.edu](mailto:hymanb@ufl.edu)) or  
Fritz Roka (239) 658-3428 ([fmroka@ufl.edu](mailto:fmroka@ufl.edu))