

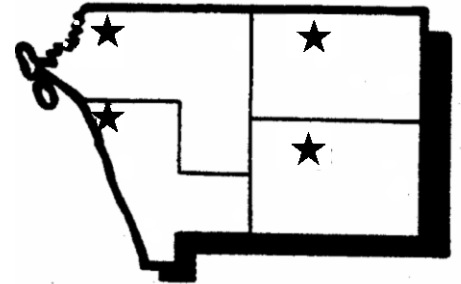
## West Central Citrus Letter

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**July 30, 2018**

### **WHIP, August 9, 1:30 PM, South Florida State College Campus, Arcadia**

An area WHIP (Wildfire, Hurricane Indemnity Program) meeting for citrus will be conducted in Arcadia at the South Florida State College, 2251 NE Turner Ave beginning at 1:30 PM on Thursday, August 9. 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.

For those that can't attend the meeting on August 9, the program will be repeated on Tuesday, September 4 at the Turner Exhibit Hall, 2250 NE Roan Street, Arcadia.

Ms. Paige Petteway will be discussing the WHIP program and eligibility requirements during both meetings. Ms. Petteway can be reached at 863-773-4764 Ext. 2 or by email at [paige.petteway@fl.usda.gov](mailto:paige.petteway@fl.usda.gov) to answer specific questions at her office in Wauchula. 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.

### **Private and Core Restricted Use Pesticide License Review and Testing, August 10, Wauchula – *Note Date Change***

A 3-hour pesticide license review and testing class will be conducted on Friday, August 10, 2018 at the Hardee County Extension Service Office, 507 Civic Center Drive, 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 A.M. and conclude at noon with the test at 1:00 P.M.

Three CEUs (2 Core and 1 Private) are offered to individuals that have a current pesticide license and will be renewing using CEUs. A registration fee of \$55.00 per person is charged to cover the study manuals (Core and Private) 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 test, please call the Hardee County Extension Service Office at 863-773-2164 to register. Pre-registration is requested prior to August 1.

### **CRDF Lunch and Learn Program, August 28, Sebring**

The CRDF (Citrus Research and Development Foundation) will be conducting their monthly Board of Directors meeting on August 28 at the Bert Harris Agricultural Center, 4509 George Blvd, Sebring. The directors meeting begins at 10:00 AM, and immediately following the meeting, the “Lunch and Learn” program will begin.

Topics for the Lunch and Learn Research Project Updates program will include:

- “Propagation of citrus rootstocks in greenhouses by seed, stem cuttings and tissue culture to accelerate budded tree production for out planting,” Dr. Richard Beeson, MFREC, Apopka, FL
- “Developing new bactericide technologies,” Dr. Kirsten Pelz-Stelinski, UF/IFAS, Lake Alfred, FL

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) .

### **Citrus Expo, August 15-16, 2018**

The annual Citrus Expo is being expanded this year to include sessions with vegetables and specialty crops. Additional meeting space will be provided to allow presentations in these new topic areas. The location of the Expo remains the same at the Lee Civic Center in North Fort Myers.

Continuing education units (CEU) will be offered each day. August 15 will offer 2 CEUs and August 16 will offer 4.5 CEUs, and the CEUs are granted in either Private or Ag Tree Crop. CEUs have also been submitted for the Certified Crop Advisor license.

Registration for the event is now open at [CitrusExpo.net/Registration](http://CitrusExpo.net/Registration) and the program will be posted at <http://citrusexpo.net/program/> in the near future.

### **Dates to Remember:**

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| Aug. 9     | WHIP, South Florida State College, Arcadia                   |
| Aug. 10    | Restricted Use Pesticide review and testing, Wauchula        |
| Aug. 15-16 | Citrus Expo, Ft. Myers                                       |
| Aug. 28    | CRDF Board of Directors meeting and Lunch and Learn, Sebring |

Sincerely,

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