

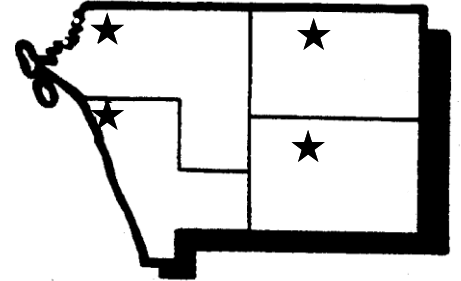
West Central Citrus Letter

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September 20, 2018

CRDF Lunch and Learn Program, September 25, Lake Alfred, October 23, Arcadia

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: <https://citrusrdf.org> for updates on how to register.

For instructions to join the meeting by Zoom or Call-In, please refer to our website: <https://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.

The next CRDF meeting will be held in Arcadia at the Turner Agri-Civic Center Exhibit Hall on October 23 and includes a grower educational session. More information on that program will be available in early October.

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 and 10 – Sebring (Highlands County Extension Office)
- October 23 and 24 – 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.

To find out more information on the program, or how to register, please see the enclosed flyer.

Private and Core Restricted Use Pesticide License Review and Testing, October 4, Wauchula

A three-hour pesticide license review and testing class will be conducted on Thursday, October 4, 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 AM and conclude at noon with the test at 1:00 PM.

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 September 28.

Ag Tree Crop Restricted Use Pesticide License Review and Testing, October 11

A two-hour pesticide license review for the Ag Tree Crop license will be held at the Hardee County Extension Service Office in Wauchula on October 11. The class will review the information contained in the test to obtain a commercial Ag Tree Crop license. The class will begin at 9:00 AM and conclude prior to 11:00 AM, at which time the exam will be given. Two CEUs (Ag Tree Crop) will be offered to individuals having a current pesticide license. A registration fee of \$25.00 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 test, please call the Hardee County Extension Service Office at 863-773-2164. To obtain an Ag Tree Crop license, you will need to have a valid pesticide license or recently have passed the 'core' category. The core review and testing will be offered on October 4 at the Hardee County Extension Service Office in Wauchula.

To register for the Ag Tree Crop review and testing, please call the Hardee County Extension Service Office at 86-773-2164 prior to October 5.

Worker Protection Standards – Train the Trainer, October 23, Wauchula

A training session will be conducted from 1:00 to 5:00 PM at the Hardee County Extension Service Office, Wauchula, on Tuesday, October 23, 2018. The session will cover the worker protection standards (WPS) information required under the rule to train employees as pesticide handlers or workers.

If you wish to attend the class to obtain a WPS Training Certificate or for four CEUs, please call the Hardee County Extension Service Office at 863-773-2164 to register. Pre-registration is requested prior to October 18, 2018. Registration fee is \$10 per person.

If you were trained as a trainer under the WPS rule prior to 2017, you need to be trained under the new rule that was implemented in late 2016 prior to conducting either Handler or Worker training sessions.

Block Grant Meetings

Florida Department of Agriculture, Florida Division of Emergence Management, and Florida Citrus Mutual are hosting a series of grower meetings to inform growers about the Florida Citrus Tree Recovery Program, which is available to citrus growers who suffered damage because of Hurricane Irma.

Growers who suffered a crop production loss of at least 20% due to Hurricane Irma are eligible for up to \$385 per acre for tree reset, rehabilitation or replacement, irrigation and drainage system repair, while those who experienced a crop production loss of 40% are eligible for up to \$745.50 per acre.

The meetings time and locations are as follows:

- **September 24**, USDA Horticultural Lab, 2001 S. Rock Road, Ft. Pierce, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- **September 27**, Citrus Research & Education Center, 700 Experiment Station Road, Lake Alfred, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- **September 27**, Bert Harris Ag Center, 4509 George Blvd., Sebring, 2:00 – 5:00 PM
- **September 28**, Dallas Townsend Center, 1085 Pratt Blvd., Labelle, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

The program will have staff at the Farm Service Agency to assist the administration of the program.

Operation Cleansweep 2018-2019

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) is offering a statewide free pesticide pick-up program. The program is for up to 1,000 pounds of pesticides that are cancelled, suspended or unusable. This service is available to agriculture operations that include farms, groves, greenhouse, nursery, golf course, and pest control services.

For more information on the program, please see the enclosed flyer or contact Shannon Turner at FDACS at 877-851-5285.

Citrus Variety Displays

The New Variety Development & Management Corporation (NVDMC) is focused on developing new varieties for both the fresh and processed citrus industry with traits to improve Florida's competitive position. To promote some of their varieties, they will be hosting a number of fruit displays October through February.

Fruit displays at the Citrus Research & Education will be on October 30, 2018, December 4, 2018, and February 19, 2019. Displays will also be conducted at the Indian River Research & Education Center on January 8, 2019 and a field day on December 13, 2018 at the Ft. Pierce USDA-ARS facility. If you plan to attend one of their fruit displays, please RSVP to Peter Chaires at pchaires@nvdmc.org.

Some of their new varieties include Sugar Belle, Tango, US Early Pride, Ruby Valencia, Madalate, Gold Nugget, and Yosemite Gold.

For more information on the NVDMC, please see their website at <http://nvdmc.org/>.

Produce Safety Alliance Workshops

A number of one-day food safety workshops are being conducted around Florida in the fall of 2018. Class offerings are located from Homestead to St. Augustine.

For more information on these training opportunities, please visit <https://sc.ifas.ufl.edu/training-and-education/>.

Syngenta Internship Program, Summer 2019

Syngenta is seeking college level Sophomore or Junior students for their summer internship program for the summer of 2019. For more information on their program, please contact Zach Langford at zach.langford@syngenta.com.

Dates to Remember:

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| Sept. 24 | Block Grant Meeting, Ft. Pierce |
| Sept. 25 | CRDF Board of Directors meeting & Grower Educational Session, Lake Alfred |
| Sept. 26-26 | Citrus Growers' Workshop, Sebring |
| Sept. 27 | Block Grant Meeting, Lake Alfred, 9:00 AM
Block Grant Meeting, Sebring, 2:00 PM |
| Sept. 28 | Block Grant Meeting, LaBelle |
| Oct. 4 | Restricted Use Pesticide License Training, Wauchula |
| Oct. 9-10 | Farm Labor Supervisor Training Program, Sebring |
| Oct. 11 | Citrus Crop Estimate |
| Oct. 11 | Ag Tree Crop Pesticide License Review and Testing, Wauchula |
| Oct. 23 | CRDF Board of Directors meeting & Grower Educational Session, Arcadia |
| Oct. 23 | WPS Train-the-Trainer Class, Wauchula |
| Oct. 23-24 | Farm Labor Supervisor Training Program, Wimauma |
| Oct. 30 | NVDMC Fruit Display, Lake Alfred |

Sincerely,

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