



The Highlands County Citrus Extension Newsletter

Highlands Citrus Talk

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To: Highlands County Citrus Growers, Production Managers, and Allied Industry Representatives
Re: Upcoming Grower Meetings
From: Tim Hurner, Multi-County Extension Citrus Agent, Highlands County

Something **NEW!**

I. Highlands “Citrus Grower Forum”

This is the first for this venue of meeting which may become a series of meetings that we have developed to respond to a grower concern or need that I have heard expressed.

The idea for this meeting format came from comments made to me by growers over the past ten months. That is we need to talk to each other and share our experiences in battling Citrus Greening and Citrus Psyllid. We listen to the research community and hang on every word, but each of us is experiencing things that can be of benefit to share.

Our encountering and dealing with the psyllid, greening and canker has been described as a war. We need to develop a war mentality and do things we may have not done before. A war is different from a battle or skirmish. As we are engaged in this war over these pests it is essential that we prepare reconnaissance, share intelligence, and discuss battle strategy and plans as we try to defeat the foe. I believe we have a better chance to win if we work, plan and attack jointly.

Hence the development of this meeting **to allow growers to come together and share how they are dealing with these pests, and express their interest, ideas and needs to aid in this fight** for the benefit of ourselves and each other.

Attached is an invitation to a Highlands “Citrus Grower Forum” to be held Wednesday morning September 3rd. This forum is a joint effort of the Highlands County Citrus Growers Association and the Highlands County Extension Citrus Program. All growers, production managers, allied industry representatives, and others are invited and urged to attend this forum.

Please either send in your registration or call to let me know you are coming so we can prepare for enough food.

Something OLD!

2. Florida Citrus Mini-Greening Summit

The Florida Citrus Extension Agents have planned a **Mini-Greening Summit** to be held in late September and early October. The summit will travel to six locations.

The **Highlands County Mini-Greening Summit** will be held on **Thursday morning October 2, 2008**

A flier announcing the summit is attached to this letter. Please either send in your registration form or call or email your registration to me so we can adequately plan for refreshments and space. CEU's will be provided for restricted Use Pesticide License holders and Certified Crop Advisors.

We look forward to seeing you at these two meetings.