



The Highlands County Citrus Extension Newsletter

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The main emphasis of this newsletter is to alert you to some programs that are in progress and upcoming so you can Mark your calendar.

January Programs

January 14, 2010, 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Highlands County O J Break

Holiday Inn Express Lake Placid

Topics: Update on Management of the Asian Citrus Psyllid

Speakers: Dr Michael Rogers and Dr. Bob Rouse, CREC Lake Alfred

January 20, 2010, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Highlands Citrus Grower Forum

Holiday Inn Express Lake Placid

Discussion will include use of nutritionals in managing greening trees

Please note that both of these events are scheduled to be held at the

Lake Placid Holiday Inn Express

608 South Lakeview Road, Lake Placid

(south of the Railroad Underpass on the east side of Highway 27)

North of the town of Lake Placid

The Bert Harris, Jr. Ag Center is under renovation and we are unable to hold meetings here this spring.

1. January 27 – 28, 2010

Florida Citrus Show

Havert L. Finn Center, Ft. Pierce, Florida

For more information on the program and to register online at go to

www.CitrusShow.com.

Other Upcoming Programs

Florida Citrus Grower Institute-

This year's institute will be at the new auditorium at South Florida Community College in Avon Park.

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

This will be an all day program on numerous timely topics related to psyllid and greening management, new varieties and rootstocks, new planting systems, etc. Mark your calendar.

Flower Bud Induction

Dr. Albrigo's Flower Bud Induction Program is back up and going for this season. This is a good tool for growers to use to predict flowering in citrus. Flowering coincides with the first growth flush for the season hence it is a great aid in predicting the new growth flush and timing sprays for Asian Citrus Psyllids.

You can access the Flower Bud Induction Advisory at:

<http://www.crec.ifas.ufl.edu/extension/flowerbud>. Four advisories have been issued this season. You should read the first advisory issued 11/24/09 when you first go on line then read the most current update.

2010 Florida Citrus Pest Management Guide

The new Florida Citrus Pest Management Guide is now available online at:

<http://www.crec.ifas.ufl.edu/extension/pest/index.htm>. You can download sections as a pdf file. The printed version is not available yet.

Brazil Trip 2010

Plans are being made to make a trip to Brazil to tour their citrus industry in early May or mid July. The trip will be approximately 7 days. The costs are approximately \$3,500 per person depending on how many join the group. The exact itinerary will depend on the group that goes and what they want to see.

If you are interested, contact Dr. Steve Futch at (863) 956-1151 or shf@ufl.edu

Internet Course Offering - Agriculture and Environmental Quality

Spring semester 2010, beginning Thursday, January 7, and will continue each Thursday at 10:40 – 11:30 a.m. through mid-April.

The course format will be primarily Internet chat sessions, taught by Dr. He, an associate professor of Soil Fertility and Environmental Chemistry at the UF/IFAS Indian River Research and Education Center. Topics will include:

- concepts relating to agriculture, the environment and its quality, and the relationships among the three as they relate to sustainable agriculture.
- wetlands and soil components, their properties and functions such as filtration, waste disposal, and contamination screening.

Students will learn:

- how to identify sources of pollution,
- how to manage nutrients so that they will not transform into contamination,

- how to process waste, land management techniques, integrated pest management
- the particulars of the Food Quality Act and wetland protection legislation.

The course is designed for growers and others interested in protection of the environment with best management practices for agriculture. To enroll in Agriculture and Environmental Quality please call Jackie White at (772) 468-3922, Ext. 148, or by e-mail at: jkwhite@ufl.edu. For specific information about the course please contact Dr. He at (772) 468-3922, Ext. 109, or by e-mail at: zhe@ufl.edu.

*Wishing you a very
Merry Christmas!
and a
Happy New Year!*

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