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January Highlands Citrus O J Break “Citrus Greening and Psyllid Management Programs”

Thursday January 12, 2012
9:30 a.m. – noon
Bert J. Harris, Jr. Agricultural Center
Conference Room 2

Topics:

- Update on Psyllid Management**
Dr. Phil Stansly, SWFREC, Immokalee
- Surviving with Greening after 6 Years**
Dr. Bob Rouse, SWFREC, Immokalee
- Using the CHMA Web Site**
Ms. Jamie Burrow, CREC, Lake Alfred

Citrus Grower Seminar – Nutrition and Soil Fertility

Wednesday, January 18, 2012
10:00am - 1.00pm
Bert Harris, Jr. Ag Center 4509 George Blvd. Sebring, Florida

Speaker: Dr. Arnold Schumann, Citrus Research and Education Center, Lake Alfred, FL.

Lunch will be provided. The meeting is being sponsored by: Griffin Fertilizer Company and Improcrop.

There will be three CEU credits.

Upcoming Events

- January 12, 2012** Highlands Citrus O J Break, Citrus Greening and Psyllid Management
Bert J. Harris, Jr. Ag Center, Conference Room II.
- January 18, 2012** Citrus Grower seminar – Nutrition and Soil Fertility
Bert J. Harris, Jr. Ag Center, Auditorium
- April 2 – 4, 2012** International Symposium on Mechanical Harvesting and Handling Systems,
CREC Lake Alfred
- April 10, 2012** Florida Citrus Grower Institute,
SFCC Auditorium, Avon Park
- April 18, 2012** Highlands Citrus Grower Forum,
Bert J. Harris, Jr. Ag Center, Conference Rm. II
- April 25-26, 2012** All Florida Ag Show,
Highlands County Fair Convention Center in Sebring
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January 2012 - Coordinated Area Sprays

As you read this newsletter, the January dormant coordinated area “CHMA” spray is being applied in Highlands County. The objective is to apply this coordinated spray in early January (January 3rd through 21). The preferred material for this coordinated spray application is Danatol, but growers can use another material if their local conditions require it. The key to effective psyllid control is to try to spray within the same two-week window as you neighbors. Growers can opt for ground rigs, ULV, or aerial application, again depending on their preference or need. The dormant spray is critical to bring the psyllid population to as near zero as possible, if not zero. This will eliminate “hot” psyllids who are carrying the HLB Bacterium. The new generation of psyllids that will emerge at blossom or new growth will have to access a HLB positive tree to acquire the bacterium.

It is beneficial for you and your neighbors to apply this spray!

For more information you can go to the IFAS CHMA Web Site:
<http://www.crec.ifas.ufl.edu/extension/chmas/index.shtml>.

If you have questions, or need more information contact me at plowboy@ufl.edu or call (863) 402-7150.

Florida Citrus Show – Ft. Pierce

The Florida Citrus Show will be held January 25-26, 2012 at the Havert L. Fern Center in Fort Pierce. The program agenda is jam packed with current presentations ranging from fertigation to pest management.

To register, see the program, and for more information go to: <http://citrusshow.com>

International Symposium on Mechanical Harvesting Systems of Fruits and Nuts

Attached is a flier on this symposium that will be held at the CREC in Lake Alfred in April. It will give you all of the details, the program, speakers, **registration information**, etc.

FLOWER BUD INDUCTION ADVISORY

Dr Gene Albrigo, Professor Emeritus at the CREC, Lake Alfred has on the CREC Web Site the Flower Bud Induction Advisory. The current advisory was issued December 20, 2011. An update should be issued this week.

The advisory is filled with critical information for predicting and managing bloom. You can access the advisory at: http://www.crec.ifas.ufl.edu/extension/flowerbud/2012/12_20_11.shtml.

The Citrus Flowering Monitor can be accessed at: <http://disc.ifas.ufl.edu/bloom/index.jsp> . The Flower Induction Level is a vital tool in managing sprays to help increase flowering and minimize multiple blooms.

I encourage you to visit these two sites to determine how you can use them.

CORE and Category Restricted Use Pesticide CEU On-Line & Training Opportunities

Attached is a Fact Sheet listing opportunities to obtain Restricted Use Pesticide CEU's in both CORE and Category. The most difficult area to obtain RUP CEU's is in the CORE Category. This Fact Sheet can direct you to on-line articles that have been written for CORE CEU Credit. All you need to do is read the article, answer the questions in the attached quiz, and mail it to the author who will grade the quiz and send a Certified Credit for one CEU.

Quite frequently I receive calls from individuals who are about to panic because their notice to renew their RUP License has arrived and they do not have the required CEU's. Go ahead and get your CEU's NOW and file the signed CEU Certification Certificate. When your license is in need of renewal, you are good to go.

Add to your "New Year's Resolutions" to get your CEU's NOW!

All Florida Ag Show – Sebring Florida

This is a new Agricultural Show being developed and sponsored by the Highlands County Farm Bureau. It will be held **April 25-26, 2012** at the Highlands County Fair Convention Center in Sebring.

Be sure and mark it on your calendar. More details will be coming later.

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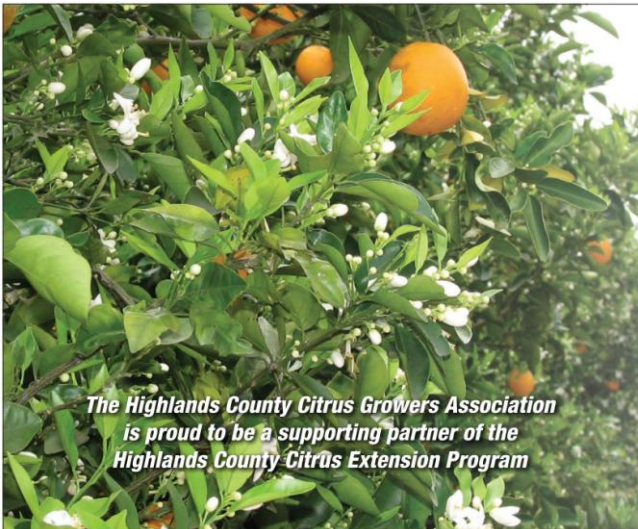



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