



Highlands Citrus E-Talk

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Meeting Reminder!!



November Highlands Citrus OJ Break
“Citrus Cold Protection Management”
And
“Use of FAWN in Cold Protection”

Wednesday, November 10, 2010

9:30 a.m. – Noon

**Bert J. Harris, Jr. Ag Center
Conference Room # 2**

Topics Include:

Basics of Cold Protection Management for Citrus
Use of the Florida Agricultural Weather Network (FAWN) for cold Protection and Other
Weather Needs

Lunch is included: **Please Register** so I can plan for lunch.

Registration: Please call registration to Katie (863) 402-6540 or
email katieduncan@ufl.edu

Fawn Weather Station Meeting

Wednesday November 10, 2010 Noon

Conference Room # 3

Bert J Harris, Jr. Ag Center

Following last January's freeze event there has been some discussion among growers on the need for an additional Florida Agricultural Weather Network (FAWN) weather station in Highlands County.

Mr. Lusher who manages the FAWN Network will be here to speak at the O J Break next week and will stay over to meet during lunch with the Highlands County Extension Citrus Advisory Committee and the Highlands county Citrus Growers Assn. Board of Directors about how the weather tower network can be improved in Highlands County.

If you would like to sit in on this lunch meeting, please contact Katie Duncan at the contacts above and make your reservation.

Mark Your Calendar



Highlands "Citrus Grower Forum" **Wednesday, December 8, 2010, 8:00 a.m.**

**Bert J. Harris, Jr. Agricultural Center, Sebring, Florida
Conference Room # 2**

There will be "Continental Breakfast" beginning at 7:30 a.m. with coffee, sweets, fruit, OJ, etc. We will end about 9:30.

This is a GREAT opportunity to share information among growers and benefit from what others are doing.

I am asking for reports from each of the CHMA's in Highlands County on their success to date.

Highlands County Extension RUP Training

Tuesday December 7, 2010

**Bert J. Harris, Jr. Agricultural Center, Sebring, Florida
O S Sam Polston Auditorium**

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

After 3:00 p.m.

Workshop

CORE & Category Exams



Attached is a flier on the details for this program and how to register.

This is your chance to get 4 CORE CEU's for your next renewal of your RUP License. CORE CEU's are more difficult to obtain, therefore, this is your opportunity.

Youth Citrus Program Visits “The Andersons Fertilizer, Inc.

Barney Cherry and the team from The Andersons in Lake Placid hosted the youth members in the Highlands Youth Citrus Program of a tour of their fertilizer plant on October 23rd.

Forty eight young people and their parents attended the tour. They learned everything from the chemistry of liquid fertilizers, the manufacture of liquid fertilizer, to transport and application.

Following the tour, The Andersons provided a box lunch. The entire event was a highlight for everyone who attended.

The Highlands Youth Citrus program committee and I submit our most sincere appreciation to The Andersons for their hosting this Youth Citrus Field Trip.

Upcoming Field Day

“Advanced Mechanization Technologies for the Citrus Orchard of Tomorrow”

Tuesday Nov. 16, 2010

8:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

Southern Gardens - Devils Garden Groves in Clewiston, FL

See the latest mechanization technology in the area of autonomous tractors, yield prediction, VRT spraying, and disease detection.”

Attached is a Flier about this Field day and how to register and attend.

Abscission Chemical Experimental Use Permit

FDOC needs to confirm the degree of interest of growers, harvesters, researchers, or others, to be a part of an Experimental Use Permit (EUP) program and an experimental level of CMNP utilization.

Attached is a letter of “Survey of Interest in Use of the Abscission Agent CMNP--Usage under FDOC’s ‘Experimental Use Permit’ When Issued by EPA”.

If you or your company has an interest in participating in the FDOC’s EUP program instructions on how to inquire are included in the attachment.

Citrus E-Talk Evaluation

Each year I must document the impact and value of each of my programs. I will be submitting my 2010 Report of Accomplishment on December 11th. I need to ask you to evaluate the quality and usefulness of this Highlands Citrus E-Talk Newsletter.

Please either **print the attached newsletter evaluation form** and mail it to: Tim Hurner, Multi-County Extension Citrus Agent, 4509 George Boulevard, Sebring, FL 33875 or **save the attached newsletter evaluation form** as a Word Document, highlight or answer the questions, save it and return it to me as an attachment to plowboy@ufl.edu.

This is necessary to continue me and my citrus program.

Syngenta Internship Program

Syngenta Crop Protection is initiating their recruiting activities for our 2011 internship program.

This is an excellent opportunity for college level students interested in pursuing a professional career in agriculture. Many of you have benefitted in the past by these interns scouting in your groves.

There will be a total of 7 positions located throughout the state's major citrus producing areas. The internship will run from May 16, 2011 through August 19, 2011.

For more details, or how to recommend someone to be an intern, contact John Taylor, Technical Support Representative, Syngenta Crop Protection at 561-694-8671 or email john.taylor@syngenta.com. Resumes and applications will be accepted through January 2011.

Tim Hurner,
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This Field Day is associated with a large project titled:

“Integrated Automation for Sustainable Specialty Crops”

A collaborative effort between: University of Florida, Carnegie Mellon University, Cornell University, John Deere, and Southern Gardens

More information about this project and field day can be found at:

<http://www.rec.ri.cmu.edu/usda/>

<http://www.rec.ri.cmu.edu/usda/extension/index.html>

RSVP by Nov. 9th if you plan to attend.

No fees associated with this field day.

Due to limited availability, registration will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Register using one of the following methods:

1. Email: Email Sherrie Buchanon at buchanon@ufl.edu
2. Fax: Fill out the registration information below and fax to (863)956-4631, Attn: Sherri Buchanon
3. Phone: Call Sherrie Buchanon at (863)956-1151 ext. 1290

Information needed:

Name: Company Name: Address: City: Zip Code:
Phone Number: e-mail address:

All registrations will be confirmed via e-mail



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October 5, 2010

**Survey of Interest in Use of the Abscission Agent CMNP--
Usage under FDOC's 'Experimental Use Permit' When Issued by EPA**

The Florida Department of Citrus (FDOC) has been notified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that a decision on our Experimental Use Permit (EUP) application should be made by July 14, 2011. This will be coordinated with EUP application and approval by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS). FDOC needs to confirm the degree of interest of growers, harvesters, researchers, or others, to be a part of this EUP program and experimental level of CMNP utilization.

Use of CMNP under the EUP is projected for the entire 2011-12 fruit season. The FDOC application to EPA requests the permitting of CMNP use on 9,000 acres of processed round oranges (only in Florida and only processed oranges). However, granting of the EUP is at the discretion of EPA and FDACS and they may grant approval for fewer than 9,000 acres. A Temporary Tolerance ('TT') has also been petitioned and must be approved by EPA so treated fruit can enter commercial channels; otherwise any EUP acres would be 'crop destruct'. The TT decision should also be provided by July 14, 2011.

Interested parties (potential 'Cooperators') need to understand that this proposed use of CMNP on Florida citrus is 'experimental'. The product is not being made available for 'commercial' use during the 2011-12 fruit season. During experimental use of this abscission agent, the primary purpose is to learn more about the product use patterns and the gathering and submission of EPA-required data; this EUP data may be used by EPA as part of their review of FDOC's application for 'Full Registration' (e.g., for approval of commercial use). Information related to the industry's use of CMNP, as well as that for EPA requirements, must be recorded and reported at the appropriate times. Contingent upon approval of a TT, fruit harvested with the use of CMNP may enter commercial channels just as fruit harvested without the use of CMNP.

CMNP use will be allowed during the period of harvest of round oranges and will primarily be used in conjunction with Mechanical Harvesting. However, there is a small allowance to use CMNP with traditional manual harvesting to generate data for that use. The CMNP formulation to be used during the 2011-2012 season will be distributed to Cooperators by the FDOC, and its Agent, AgroSource, Inc., provided that the person(s) or company has been qualified as a Cooperator within the EUP program.

Cooperators and their estimated acreage of CMNP use will have to be identified by the FDOC to the EPA and FDACS prior to Cooperator use of CMNP. In addition, under EPA and FDACS requirements for use of the CMNP during the EUP, the Cooperators will also have to agree to collect and submit specific data to the FDOC and its Agent as is required by EPA. As FDOC's Agent, AgroSource is responsible for submission of required data to EPA.

The FDOC will be sponsoring a meeting of all interested parties to discuss the process and details necessary to be qualified as a Cooperator in the program. This meeting will be held at FDOC Headquarters in Bartow (date to be determined). Further information on the use and restrictions on use of CMNP will also be provided. All qualified Cooperators will be required to attend training sessions on the use of CMNP and the necessary data collection required.

If you or your company has an interest in participating in the FDOC's EUP program, please provide the following information and return via email or regular mail, by November 5, 2010, to Sandy Barros. Mr. Barros will compile your submissions and notify all respondents of the meeting date and time.

Sandy Barros ---sbarros@citrus.state.fl.us

Florida Department of Citrus
Citrus Research and Education Center
700 Experiment Station Rd.
Lake Alfred, FL 33850-2299

Information requested:

1. Interested Parties' complete name and address
2. Contact information (phone, e-mail, etc. – your preferred means of contact)
3. Number of acres previously harvested mechanically (2009-10 season or most recent), if applicable
4. Estimated/planned acreage for 2010-11 season to be harvested mechanically
5. Number of acres being considered for use of CMNP under EUP (2011-12 season)

Respectfully,

Sandy Barros
Department of Scientific Research
Florida Department of Citrus

Registration

To register for this RUP
Training, please call Katie at
the Highlands County
Extension Office.

(863) 402-6540

Or email

katieduncan@ufl.edu

Registration Fee:

\$20.00

*Please pay cash or make
checks payable to:
Overall Advisory Committee*

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

DECEMBER 1, 2010



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RUP Training

December 7, 2010

8am - 3pm



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Agenda

8:00 - 8:15 - Registration

8:15 am - CORE Training 1

8:45 am - CORE Training 2

9:15 am - CORE Training 3

9:45 am - CORE Training 4

10:15 am - Break

10:30 am - CORE Training 5

11:00 am - CORE Training 6

11:30 am - CORE Training 7

Noon - CORE Training 8

12:30 - LUNCH

1:00 pm - Category Training 1

2:00 pm - Category Training 2

3:00 pm - Exams (for those who need to be certified)



Core Training Topics

Harmful Effects

Transportation & Disposal

PPE

WPS

Labels and Labeling

Mixing & Loading

Calculations



Category Training

Private Applicator

Ornamental & Turf

Ag Tree Crop

Ag Row Crop

Presenters

Randy Gornto

Tim Hurner

John Alleyne

Dan Culbert



CEU's offered

CORE - 4

Private Applicator - 2

Ornamental and Turf - 2

Ag Tree Crop - 2

Ag Rowcrop - 2

A maximum of 6 CEU's are offered.