

Citrus Notes



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IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH 7, 2018

**CITRUS ROOTSTOCK
FIELD DAY**
Babson Park

APRIL 3, 2018

**FLORIDA CITRUS
GROWERS' INSTITUTE**
Avon Park

MAY 15, 2018

**OJ BREAK GROWER
MEETING**
Lake Alfred

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Citrus Research and Development Foundation (CRDF)

Citrus Rootstock Field Day



On
Wednesday,
March 7,
2018,
beginning
at 9:30 a.m.
there will be

a Citrus Rootstock Field Day sponsored by CRDF and Peace River Packing Company. The rootstock trial is one of a large replicated multi-location trial looking at HLB tolerant rootstocks, all on Valencia scions. The trial has both UF and USDA rootstocks. I have attached a program flyer and registration information in this edition of the Citrus Notes. Please note that pre-registration is required, and there will be one CEU for Certified Crop Advisors.

2018 Florida Citrus Growers' Institute



The date

has been set for
this year's

Florida Citrus Growers' Institute. The Institute will be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2018, at South Florida State College in Avon Park. We are currently finishing up this year's program agenda and will have a program brochure out in a couple of weeks (by the first part of March).

2018 May

OJ Break Meeting

The May OJ Break meeting will be held at the UF/IFAS Citrus Research and Education Center, Ben Hill Griffin Jr.

Citrus Hall on May 15, 2018, beginning at 10:30 a.m. and concluding after lunch.

FSMA - Produce Safety Rule Training

If you haven't already done so, plan to attend a Produce Safety Alliance (PSA) workshop sometime this year. The one day PSA workshop satisfies the Produce Safety Rule requirement that at least one person, from each "farm", complete food safety training. The next PSA training is in Sebring on March 14th. The flyer for this course is attached and the registration link is below. There are other PSA workshops in Live Oak, Balm, Apopka, and Homestead.

Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training, the one-day course for fruit and vegetable growers and packers who fall under FSMA's Produce Safety Rule. Lunch is included.

3/14/18 – Sebring <https://psa031418.eventbrite.com>

4/11/18 – Live Oak <https://psa041118.eventbrite.com>

4/26/18 – Balm <https://psa042618.eventbrite.com>

5/2/18 – Apopka <https://psa050218.eventbrite.com>

6/7/18 – Homestead <https://psa060718.eventbrite.com>

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POSTBLOOM FRUIT DROP

What are the environmental and physiological conditions that would favor disease development?

Favorable environmental conditions are humid subtropical climates. In addition, the disease needs rain-splash and wind-blown rain to infect additional flowers. Human activities that move flowers and infected petals on workers and equipment can add in dispersal of the disease. Multiple citrus blooms or extended bloom periods can also lead to increases in disease inoculum. Multiple and extended bloom has become more common with the increase in trees with HLB.

FSMA Rule

Farm Inspections

FDA has delayed all farm inspections until 2019, to give the states and farms time to complete an On-Farm Readiness Review (OFRR), IF an operation chooses to do so. An On-Farm Readiness Review is a program where IFAS and FDACS will team up and come out to your operation together to help you understand what compliance with the regulatory requirements might look like on your operations *before* a regulatory inspection occurs. The OFRR program is voluntary and there is no fee to participate as federal funding (through cooperative agreements to the states) to provide this service to growers was mandated under FSMA. It's a great way to see how the Produce Safety Rule requirements can be satisfied in a specific grove or packinghouse. The registration is all handled by FDACS and registration can be found at <http://www.freshfromflorida.com/Business-Services/Fruit-and-Vegetables/Food-Safety-Modernization-Act-Produce->

[Safety-Rule2/On-Farm-Readiness-Review](#)

Look for an article about the OFRRs in the March issue of Citrus Industry.

FDACS will also be conducting the on-farm Produce Safety Rule inspections (through their agreement with FDA). We anticipate these inspections will start sometime around Spring 2019.

Although the inspections won't start until 2019, compliance dates remain the same:

January 2018, for anyone over \$500,000 in total annual produce sales,

January 2019, for anyone between \$250,000 and \$500,000 in total annual produce sales,

January 2020, for anyone between \$25,000 and \$250,000 in total annual produce sales.

FDA has extended compliance dates only for all of the water-related provisions for 4 years beyond the dates above. This means they won't be looking at any

requirements related to agricultural water in the next four years. They're still trying to figure out how to deal with the water issue. FDA is seeking additional input from stakeholders through a "Water Summit" that they'll be holding (facilitated by the Produce Safety Alliance) on February 27-28 in Cincinnati. We'll be hosting a "remote" water summit in Balm, during the same time, to stream in the presentations from Cincinnati and provide our Florida commentary back to the main site in Kentucky. Registration for the remote site is also available online (and there is no fee; lunch is also included). The link is <https://water-summit-feb-2018-fl.eventbrite.com>. (Source Travis Chapin, UF/IFAS Food Safety).

Citrus Crop

Insurance Deadlines

February 28, 2018, Whole Farm Revenue
April 15, 2018, Citrus fruit and trees
May 1, 2015, Nurseries

CRDF Rootstock Field Day

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

Peace River Packing Company

Intersection of Murray Road and Lambs Road, Babson Park, Florida



The CRDF Rootstock Field Day will begin at 9:30 a.m. The field trial at Peace River Packing Company consists of one common Valencia clone on the following rootstocks: US-812, US-897, US-942, UFR-2, UFR-3, UFR-4, UFR-16, and Carrizo. This site is one of the large multi-location, replicated, three year old trials of Valencia on six candidate HLB-tolerant rootstocks compared to standard trees on US-812. Other locations are on the Ridge (Blumberg) and Flatwoods (LaBelle). Horticultural performance will be discussed along with the distribution of summary data and maps. Attendees will be free to explore the location.

Drs. Jude Grosser and Kim Bowman will be speaking. There will be one CEU in crop management for CCAs.

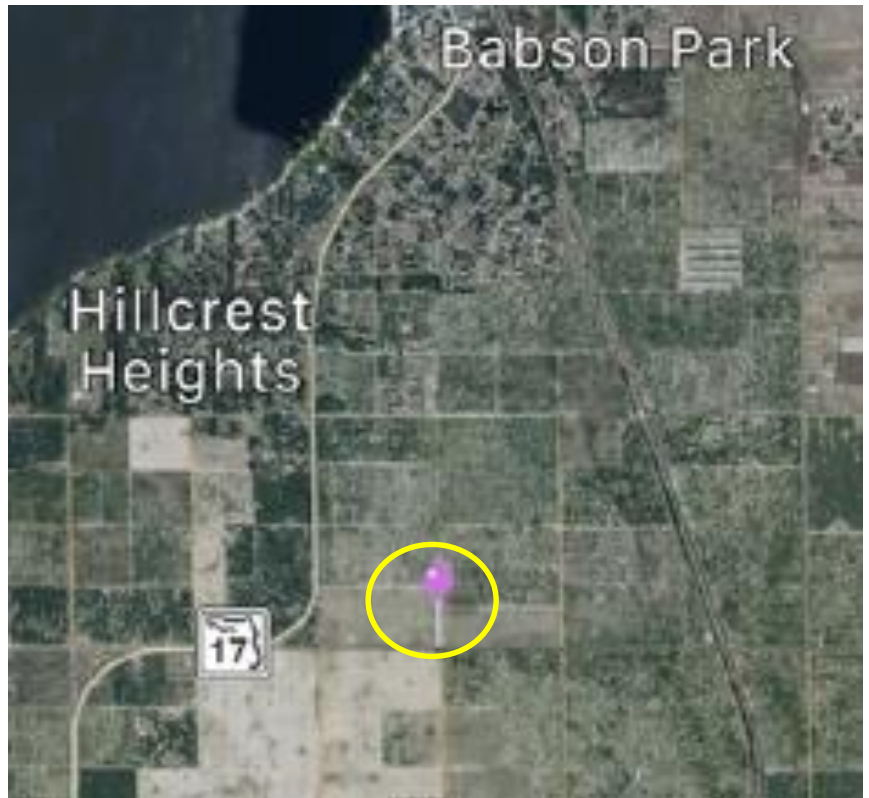
Registration

Please RSVP by Friday, March 2nd

1. Call or email Gail Crawford, 863-519-1042, dorothy@c@ufl.edu

2. Online at

<https://crdfrootstockfieldday.eventbrite.com>



For more information, please contact Chris Oswald, 863-519-1052, wcoswalt@ufl.edu



Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training

March 14, 2018 8:00am – 5:00pm
UF/IFAS Highlands County Extension
4509 George Boulevard • Sebring, FL 33875

Who Should Attend

Fruit and vegetable growers and others interested in learning about produce safety, the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule, Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs), and co-management of natural resources and food safety are encouraged to attend. The PSA Grower Training Course is one way to satisfy the FSMA Produce Safety Rule requirement.

What to Expect

The trainers will spend approximately seven hours of instruction time covering content contained in these seven modules:

- Introduction to Produce Safety
- Worker Health, Hygiene, and Training
- Soil Amendments
- Wildlife, Domesticated Animals, and Land Use
- Agricultural Water (Part I: Production Water; Part II: Postharvest Water)

- Postharvest Handling and Sanitation
- How to Develop a Farm Food Safety Plan

In addition to learning about produce safety best practices, key parts of the FSMA Produce Safety Rule requirements are outlined within each module. There will be time for questions and discussion, so participants should come prepared to share their experiences and produce safety questions.

Benefits of Attending

The course will provide a foundation of Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) and co-management information, FSMA Produce Safety Rule requirements, and details on how to develop a farm food safety plan.

After attending the entire course, participants will be eligible to receive a certificate from the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) that verifies they have completed the training course.

Cost to Attend: \$25 Please register at: <https://psa031418.eventbrite.com>

Cost for Non-Florida residents is \$125. Cost includes the training materials, lunch, refreshments, and a certificate of course attendance issued by AFDO. To pay by check, fill out and mail in the next page. Seats are limited to 50.



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Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration is also available online at: <https://psa031418.eventbrite.com>

Please note: NO substitutions, transfers, or refunds will be issued within one week of the training start date.

UF/IFAS Highlands County Extension – March 14, 2018

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Special meal requirements (vegetarian, etc.)?: _____

Your name EXACTLY as you would like it to appear on your certificate:

Important: Make checks payable to “University of Florida”

Course registration of \$25 for Florida residents (\$125 for non-Florida residents) is requested by March 8th, 2018. Registration will be confirmed upon receipt of registration materials.

Mail check and registration to: University of Florida
ATTN: Sarah McCoy
700 Experiment Station Road
Lake Alfred, FL 33850
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