

Citrus Notes



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IMPORTANT DATES

JANUARY 23-24, 2019
FLORIDA CITRUS SHOW
Ft. Pierce, FL

FEBRUARY 6, 2019
CERTIFIED PILE BURNER COURSE
Immokalee, FL

FEBRUARY 12, 2019
OJ BREAK
Lake Alfred, FL

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February 2019

OJ Break



Our February 2019 citrus grower OJ Break will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the

UF/IFAS Citrus Research and Education Center, BHG Citrus Hall, 700 Experiment Station Rd., Lake Alfred, FL. **Please note that we will be meeting in Lake Alfred this month.**

This month our speakers will be Drs. Evan Johnson and Megan Dewdney, both from the CREC. CEU's will be available for both the Restricted Use Pesticide and Certified Crop Advisor license (2 for each).

Dr. Johnson will be discussing the impact of HLB on structural roots and implications for management of new plantings and young groves. Also he will discuss simple ways to assess root health and some recent root health problems he has observed along with our current thoughts on causes and how to avoid them. In addition, he will discuss results from field trials of Zinkicide nanoparticles and related non-nanoparticle chemistries with a brief update on registration status and hurdles.

Dr. Dewdney's presentation will center on the control and management of citrus foliar diseases and post bloom fruit drop.

Mark White and Buddy Putnam, with G.P. Solutions, will be our lunch sponsors, so you will need to preregister at the following eventbrite link: <https://polkojbreakfeb19.eventbrite.com> or by

contacting Gail Crawford by phone at: (863) 519-1042 or by email at: dorothy@ufl.edu, by February 8, 2019.

2019 Florida Citrus Show

The 2019 Florida Citrus Show will be held January 23-24, 2019, at the St. Lucie County Havert L. Fenn Center, 2000 Virginia Ave, Ft. Pierce, FL. The following link is for registration, along with additional information about the show (<https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=383348&>).

Please be advised that the complimentary lunch registration deadline has been extended until January 18, 2019 (Today).

Certified Pile Burners Course

Dr. Mongi Zekri will be hosting a Florida Forest Service Certified Pile Burner Course at the UF/IFAS Southwest Florida Research and Education Center. The course will be held on Wednesday, February 6, 2019. I have included additional information on the pile burner course at the end of this newsletter. Registration is \$50.00 and limited to the first 50 individuals to register.

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[7 Day Forecast for Bartow, Florida](#)

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Brazilian Citrus Tour May - June 2019

Steve Futch will be putting together a trip for citrus growers to travel to Brazil in late May or June 2019, to visit citrus operations in the State of Sao Paulo. The trip will depart Florida on a Saturday evening and return the following Saturday morning.

I am working on dates and costs for the trip, and hope to have that information within the next few weeks.

Those traveling to Brazil will have to have a U.S. passport that will be valid for at least 6 months, after your return date to the U.S. If you are interested in traveling to Brazil in late May or June of 2019, to visit citrus operations, please let me know to allow your name to be added to a list to receive information on the trip as it becomes available. I can be contacted at the Citrus Research & Education Center in Lake Alfred at

shf@ufl.edu or by phone at 863-956-8644.

2019 Food Safety Workshops

Travis Chapin, State Specialized Extension Agent for Food Safety, has a number of food safety courses offered the first half of this year. I have attached a flyer with links to the trainings.



Information for the next Certified Pile Burners Course:

The Florida Forest Service and University of Florida Cooperative Extension Service will be conducting a Certified Pile Burners Course on **Wednesday, February 6, 2019**. This course will show you how to burn piles *legally, safely and efficiently*. Most importantly, it could save a life. If you burn piles regularly, don't put off registering for this training. When the weather is dry, certified pile burners will receive priority for authorization to burn. Also, certified pile burners are allowed to burn up to two hours longer per day and get multiple day authorizations. Don't wait. The number of trainings offered and attendance at each training is LIMITED. This training will be held from 8:30 am till 4:30 pm at the **Southwest Florida Research and Education Center, Immokalee, Florida**. Included are a registration form and program agenda.

Registration is required to attend and class size is limited. To attend please send the following information (see form on next page):

1. Your full name (as wanted on your pile burning certificate).
2. Your mailing address (where you want the certificate mailed).
3. Your Florida Forest Service Customer Number (It is the number that you are required to give the FFS when you call in for your burn permits. If you do not know it please call the local FFS office and ask them to create one for you).
4. Your email address (if you have one) and/or contact phone number.
5. A check made out to: Hendry County 4-H for \$50.00.

The first fifty individuals to provide these five requirements will be registered; there will be a 7-day non refundable fee limit. If you do not make the training and did not contact our office at least one week before the class, you will not receive a refund. There will be a test at the end of the session. You must receive a grade of 70% or higher on the exam and demonstrate a proper pile burn with your local FFS office to become certified. Once you are certified it will be noted with your customer number, thus it is important for us to have the proper number. If you do not have a customer number the FFS office will set one up for you. Fill out the registration form on the next page and return as directed.

Sincerely,

Mongi Zekri

For Questions Contact: Dr. Mongi Zekri at maz@ufl.edu or 239-595-5494

Registration Form

Florida's Certified Pile Burner Program
Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Hendry County Extension Office
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Please send this form and a check for \$50.00 made payable to:

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Email address

Phone Number

Florida Forest Service Customer Number, <https://www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Florida-Forest-Service/Our-Forests/Field-Operations/County-Foresters/Find-a-County-Forester>





2019 Food Safety Workshops



Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training

A one-day course for fruit and vegetable growers and packers who fall under FSMA's Produce Safety Rule

- **01/23/19 – Cantonment**
<https://psa012319.eventbrite.com>
- **01/30/19 – West Palm Beach**
<https://psa013019.eventbrite.com>
- **04/09/19 – Dade City**
<https://psa040919.eventbrite.com>
- **04/23/19 – Wimauma**
<https://psa042319.eventbrite.com>
- **05/01/19 – Kissimmee**
<https://psa050119.eventbrite.com>
- **06/06/19 – Homestead**
<https://psa060619.eventbrite.com>

Beyond Basic Produce Food Safety: A Hands-On Analysis

This one-day course is targeted at those who have already attended a food safety training and are looking for a more in-depth and hands-on experience. It is not a substitute for a PCQI or PSA Grower Training for FSMA.

- **03/14/19 – Lake Alfred**
<https://beyondbasic031419.eventbrite.com>
- **04/16/19 – Live Oak**
<https://beyondbasic041619.eventbrite.com>

Preventive Controls for Human Food- Preventive Controls Qualified Individual (PCQI) Training

This three-day course for those covered under FSMA's Preventive Controls for Human Food Rule

- **03/19-21/19 – Lake Alfred**
<https://fspca031919.eventbrite.com>

HACCP for Florida Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Packinghouses

This two-day course is not a requirement of FSMA rules, but may be required by some third party audit schemes

- **02/28/19 - 03/01/19 – Wimauma**
<https://haccp022819.eventbrite.com>

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All workshops require advanced registration. Registration questions? Contact Sarah McCoy or Jessica Lepper.