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Dear Growers,

There has been a new pre-emergence herbicide material recently labeled for use in Florida citrus. I summarized a recently published study on the efficacy of this new herbicide. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration released their latest forecast for this year's hurricane season. The Citrus Extension Agents are hosting a series of meetings starting at the end of June to demonstrate the recently released citrus copper application scheduler. Tom Bryant has provided us with another "Tax Notes" article. Don't forget Tim Hurner UF/IFAS Citrus Extension Agent in Highlands County has a "Certified Pile Burner Class" scheduled for August. The 2011 Citrus Expo is also scheduled for August. Course listing for CREC are included in this issue. Don't forget to catch the "pesticide news and information" section.

Enjoy the issue,

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Updates
in Citrus
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In the "Pesticide News and Informa-

tion" section of this issue is a new preemergence herbicide from Bayer CropScience called Alion that is now labeled for use in Florida. The following information comes from a recent study done by Steve Futch, Mike Edenfield and John Curtis and published in the 2010 Proceedings of the Florida Horticultural Society comparing Alion to some common standard herbicide treatments.

Two young citrus groves were used for this study. One was a two year-old grapefruit block on double row beds in St. Lucie County and the second a one year-old Valencia block on single row beds in DeSoto County. Row spacing was 12.5 by 25 feet in both locations. Observations on weed control were then rated at 30 day intervals. The rating used was 0 to 100, with 0 indicating complete coverage of test plot with weeds and 100 indicating no weeds present. The rates of Alion were 3.5, 5.0, and 6.5 ounces per acre in the St. Lucie study and 5.13 and 6.84 ounces per acre for the DeSoto study.

In St. Lucie, Roundup Weather Max was used as the post emergence material in all treatments. The three rates of Alion were compared to commonly used herbicide treatments of Roundup Weather Max alone, Karmex, Krovar I, Solicam + Karmex and Prowl H₂O + Karmex. 120 days after treatment there was no statistical difference in any of the herbicide treatments containing pre-emergence materials. The Roundup Weather Max alone had significantly lower rating of weed control (23 rating). Although there were no signifi-

cant differences in the pre-emergence herbicide treatments, the Alion treatments had ratings of 64 for the 3.5 ounce rate, 83 for the 5.0 ounce rate and 89 for the 6.5 ounce rate 120 days after treatment. The 5.0 and 6.5 ounce rate of Alion and the Karmex treatments had numerical higher ratings than the other pre-emergence treatments (83 to 89).

In the DeSoto study, Roundup Weather Max was used in all treatments and in this one there was an untreated control with no herbicide applied. The treatments were the two rates of Alion, Solicam + Diuron, and Prowl H_2O + Diuron. Ninety days after treatment there were no statistical differences in weed control ratings for the pre-emergence materials. The treatment ratings ranged from 71 to 92 compared to 0 for the untreated control.

The take home message here is that Alion represents a new effective residual preemergence herbicide for Florida citrus growers. It is from the alkylazine chemical class of herbicides and has pre-emergence control of broadleaf weeds and annual grasses. We have one more tool in the toolbox. The entire article can be found in the 2010 Proceedings of the Florida State Horticultural Society. If you are not a member you can find more information at: http://www.fshs.org/

NOAA's 2011
Hurricane
Forecast
(Issued May 19, 2011)

The Atlantic basin is

expected to see an above-normal hurricane season this year, according to the seasonal <u>outlook</u> issued by <u>NOAA's Climate Prediction Center</u> – a division of the <u>National</u> Weather Service.

Across the entire Atlantic Basin for the sixmonth season, which begins June 1st, NOAA is predicting the following ranges this year:

- 12 to 18 named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher), of which:
- 6 to 10 could become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including:
- 3 to 6 major hurricanes (Category 3, 4 or 5; winds of 111 mph or higher)

Each of these ranges has a 70 percent likelihood, and indicate that activity will exceed the seasonal average of 11 named storms, six hurricanes and two major hurricanes.

"The United States was fortunate last year. Winds steered most of the season's tropical storms and all hurricanes away from our coastlines," said Jane Lubchenco, Ph.D., under secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and NOAA administrator. "However we can't count on luck to get us through this season. We need to be prepared, especially with this above-normal outlook." Climate factors considered for this outlook are:

- The continuing high activity era. Since 1995, the tropical multi-decadal signal has brought ocean and atmospheric conditions conducive for development in sync, leading to more active Atlantic hurricane seasons.
- Warm Atlantic Ocean water. Sea surface temperatures where storms often develop and move across the Atlantic are up to two degrees Fahrenheit warmer-than-average.
- La Niña, which continues to weaken in the equatorial Pacific Ocean, is ex-

pected to dissipate later this month or in June, but its impacts such as reduced wind shear are expected to continue into the hurricane season.

"In addition to multiple climate factors, seasonal climate models also indicate an abovenormal season is likely, and even suggest we could see activity comparable to some of the active seasons since 1995," said Gerry Bell, Ph.D., lead seasonal hurricane forecaster at NOAA's Climate Prediction Center.

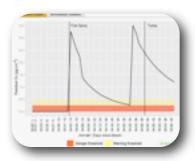
NOAA's seasonal hurricane outlook does not predict where and when any of these storms may hit. Landfall is dictated by weather patterns in place at the time the storm approaches. For each storm, NOAA's National Hurricane Center forecasts how these weather patterns affect the storm track, intensity and landfall potential.

"The tornadoes that devastated the South and the large amount of flooding we've seen this spring should serve as a reminder that disasters can happen anytime and anywhere. As we move into this hurricane season it's important to remember that FEMA is just part of an emergency management team that includes the entire federal family, state, local and tribal governments, the private sector and most importantly the public," said FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate.

"Now is the time, if you haven't already, to get your plan together for what you and your family would do if disaster strikes. Visit ready.gov to learn more. And if you're a small business owner, visit www.ready.gov/business to ensure that your business is prepared for a disaster," added Fugate.

Hurricane impacts are not limited to the coastline; strong winds and flooding rainfall often pose a threat across inland areas along with the risk for tornadoes.

Citrus Copper Application Scheduler Meeting Series



In last month's issue of "Citrus

Notes" I had mentioned that a new citrus copper decay model was available on the Agroclimate website (http://agroclimate.org/). To provide growers with additional information on using the model, along with some hands on training, we have scheduled a series of "Citrus Copper Application Scheduler Meetings" to be held a various locations throughout Florida starting on Wednesday, June 29, 2011. An enclosed flyer has the times and locations of these meetings. The meeting in Polk County will be held at the UF/IFAS Citrus Research and Education Center in Lake Alfred on Tuesday, July 19, 2011. Please remember that preregistration is required.

Tax Notes

(Author: Thomas J. Bryant, CPA is Tax Partner, Beasley, Bryant & Company, CPA's, P.A., Lakeland, Florida (863) 646-1373)

This is the first in a series of articles on tax reporting and compliance for small businesses, focusing initially on sole proprietors and more specifically on agriculture, farming and ranching.

Basically, a sole proprietorship is an unincorporated business owned by one individual. Also, Single-Member Limited Liability Companies (LLC's) are not treated as separate entities for federal income tax purposes. However, the member of a domestic LLC may elect to be treated as a corporation. If more than one owner is involved, the business is not a sole proprietorship and will be treated

as a partnership or joint venture. An exception to this is a husband-wife business. If a taxpayer and spouse jointly operate an unincorporated business and share in the profits and losses, each spouse is considered a partner in a partnership even if the couple does not have a formal partnership agreement and must file a Form 1065 Partnership Return. However, if both husband and wife elect, and the couple files a joint Form 1040 Return the business will not be considered a partnership and can be reported as a sole proprietorship (Schedule F). As Stated, this election cannot be made if the business has a partnership agreement or is an LLC. Farming sole proprietorships are generally reported as part of the owners Form 1040 Return, on Schedule F-Farming.

Keeping the proper records for a sole proprietorship is vital, especially if your business is audited by the IRS. At a minimum your records should include accounting records supported by grower's statements, sales slips, other receipts, deposit slips, paid invoices, cancelled checks and detailed fixed asset records. Copies of all deposit slips should be kept and the source of the deposit should be noted, such as sales revenue, a loan, security deposits, etc.

All payments should be made by check, credit or debit card, or by electric funds transfer (EFT). If cash payments are not avoidable, a proper receipt should be obtained. It is also important that you match a check or a credit or debit card payment with an invoice or receipt as the cancelled check alone may not be sufficient to verify the payment was for the business in the case of an audit, including sales tax audits. For records kept on computers, the data and the software should be kept as long as the tax year is subject to audit. You can visit our website at www.beasleybryantcpa.com for a detailed

guide on record retention.

With a sole proprietor type business, the question often arises is it a business or a hobby. The general rule is that if income exceeds deductions in three or more out of five consecutive years, the activity is presumed to be a for-profit business. If this is not the case, the IRS will look at the facts and circumstances of the activity. For citrus trees, the groves are not considered to be productive until the fifth year of growth. Among others, the IRS will also look at how the taxpayer conducts the activity, his or her expertise or their advisors, the time and effort spent on the activity, amount of occasional profits, financial status of the taxpayer, any elements of pleasure, etc. The following Tax Court case is used as an example. A married couple started a cattle breeding business with the intent to make a profit. The couple did not have a business plan, nor did they prepare a budget. The Tax Court acknowledged that although the business had losses in its first six years of operation, the losses were consistent with the startup period inherent in a herd-building activity. In determining the taxpayers had intent to profit from the business; the Court also considered growth of the herd, demonstrated market value of the purebred cattle, recordkeeping, and the lack of recreational elements in raising cattle.

Uniform Capitalization rules (UNICAP) require farmers to capitalize direct material and labor costs and a portion of indirect costs incurred in production or resale activities. For individual farmers, this generally applies to the production, growing or raising of property that has a preproductive period of more than two years. For citrus groves this applies to the first four years of growth after the trees are planted. In addition to groves, citrus producers also have capital assets such as irrigation equipment, wells, pumps, trucks, trailers, etc.

Schedule SE Self-Employment Tax also applies to Schedule-F filers, general partners of

a partnership and Schedule-C filers (non farming). For 2011 the rate is 15.3% on net SE earnings up to \$106,800 and 2.9% on earnings over \$106,800. In General, individuals operating a business and having net SE earnings of \$433.13 or more must file Schedule SE.

Future articles in this series will focus on other business structures such as Partnerships, LLC's, and Sub Chapter S Corporations. Additionally, specific items such as farming NOL losses and carrybacks, patronage dividends, special tax rules for farmers, farm rental income, farm income deferral and government agricultural programs will be covered. SE tax will also be addressed in more detail.

For more information on taxes and tax planning for farming please contact me at (863)640-2008 or Tom@beasleybryantcpa.com.

For information on other relevant topics visit our website at www.beasleybryantcpa.com. We at Beasley, Bryant & Company, CPA's, P. A. are experienced in agricultural business problems, tax issues or concerns and are here to help you.

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Certified Pile Burner Class

A Certified Pile Burner Class has been scheduled for:

Wednesday, August 17, 2011 at the Bert J. Harris, Jr. Ag Center in Sebring.

For details on the class, registration forms, etc. go to either

http://www.fl-dof.com/training_education/training_schedule.html or http://highlands.ifas.ufl.edu/.

The Registration fee is \$50.00, class size is limited to 50.

The Certified Pile Burner class is designed to prepare people to become certified to burn piles of brush and debris that results from land clearing, removal of citrus trees, certain types of construction, etc. Persons who take the eight hour class will take an open book exam at the end of the day. Those who do not pass the exam can retake the exam at a later date. Once the exam is passed, the person will contact their local forester at DOF for their first pile burn. The local forester will issue a permit to burn based on the burn plan developed by the certified pile burner, and will observe the first burn. Then the person will receive a certification that is good for five years. At the end of five years the certification can be renewed provided there were five pile burns made during the five years.

A Certified Pile Burner can receive permits and priority to complete burns under less desirable, dryer weather conditions, they can receive multiple permits for burns and can burn two hours longer per day. This year the legislature has authorized a waiver of liability for damage or injury caused by a fire or resulting smoke provided the certified pile burner conducted the fire in accordance with certified pile burner standards, unless gross negligence is proven."

Citrus Expo 2011

The 2011 Citrus Expo seminar pro-



gram, "Proactive Innovations for a Positive Future," will take place Aug. 17-18th at the Lee Civic Center in North Ft. Myers. Both growers and researchers will give presentations on topics ranging from marketing and economics to production and pest management. Sessions are scheduled on citrus health management areas, good agricultural practices, HLB nutritional research, advanced citrus production systems, long-term solutions to HLB and other topics of interest to growers. Sponsored by Bayer CropScience and the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, the seminar program will offer multiple CEUs and CCAs on both days. Visit www.CitrusExpo.net to view the full schedule.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the program brochure.



CREC Citrus
Course Announcement

ADVANCED CITRICULTURE I - HOS 6545 and ADVANCED CITRICULTURE II -HOS 6546 will be offered this coming academic year in the Fall of 2011 and Spring of 2012, respectively, at the Citrus Research and Education Center and at UF Distance Education locations on the main campus and in citrus production areas. The Fall semester course, covering regulation of vegetative growth of citrus, will be offered on Mondays, 4-7 pm, from August 22nd through December 5th and the Spring semester course, on regulation of reproductive growth of citrus, will be offered on Mondays, 4-7 pm, starting January 9th. The in-person site will be CREC, Lake Alfred or students can participate in class by interactive Internet Video-Audio Conferencing. Students will review literature on climatic, physiological, production practices and other factors as they influence vegetative or

reproductive development of citrus. Students will read assigned literature, prepare short reports on several papers and then participate in a lecture-discussion session on the assigned topic each week. This is a 3 unit course that will cost \$1365 to \$1569 depending on a possible tuition increase for in-state student's. These courses are available in Continuing Education or as regular Graduate School offerings. Interested students should have taken basic plant physiology, citrus production courses or have several years of citrus production experience. Please contact Dr. L. Gene Albrigo (863) 956-1151 or albrigo@ufl.edu for further information and procedure for class enrollment.

USDA Announcement



Notice to Hispanic or Women Farmers and Ranchers: Compensation for Claims of Discrimination

If you believe that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) improperly denied farm loan benefits to you between 1981 and 2000 because you are Hispanic, or because you are female, you may be eligible to apply for compensation. You may be eligible if:

- 1. you sought a farm loan or farm-loan servicing from USDA during that period; and 2. the loan was denied, provided late, approved for a lesser amount than requested, approved with restrictive conditions, or USDA failed to provide an appropriate loan service; and
- 3. you believe these actions occurred because you are Hispanic or female.

If you want to register your name to receive a claims package, you can call the Farmer and Rancher Call Center at 1-888-508-4429 or access the following website:

www.farmerclaims.gov

In 2011, a Claims Administrator will begin mailing claims packages to those who have requested one through the Call Center or website. The claims package will have detailed information about the eligibility and claims process.

In order to participate, you must submit a claim to the Claims Administrator by the end of the claims period.

If you are currently represented by counsel regarding allegations of discrimination against USDA or in a lawsuit claiming discrimination by USDA, you should contact your counsel regarding this claims process.

USDA cannot provide legal advice to you. You are not required to hire an attorney to file a claim, but you may contact a lawyer or other legal services provider in your community for additional guidance.



Pesticide News and Information

Alion Herbicide Now Registered in Florida





Bayer CropScience provided the following information on the registration of Alion herbicide for Florida Citrus.

The recommended rate is 5 fluid ounces per treated acre. Alion must attach to the soil and therefore for best results applications need to be made to clean ground, the cleaner the ground the better. It does not control emerged weeds so tank mixing with a burn down herbicide is recommended. Currently, citrus trees must be planted for one year prior to using Alion.

Treevix Herbicide from BASF



BASF has a new post-emergence herbicide labeled for Florida citrus called Treevix. The information provided by BASF states that Treevix provides fast control of over 60 broadleaf weeds including lambsquarter, marestail, ragweed and pigweed. Burndown of grasses will require a tank mix partner. Tank mix partners are also recommended for long term residual control of both grasses and braodleaf weeds. Treevix has a recommended use rate of 1 ounce per treated acre.



Micromite 80WGS Label Change

In case you missed this from Chentura Agro-Solutions, the EPA has a newly approved label for Micromite 80WGS which allows split applications of 3.125 oz/A for use in control of Asian citrus psyllid and citrus leafminer on citrus flush. The split applications will allow growers the option of covering the broadest time frame of flush emergence for these two pests so that nearly all the leaf flush will be protected, especially when flush periods are extended. After the second Micromite application is made, the full Micromite rate of 6.25 oz/A needed for citrus rust mite and the citrus

root weevil complex will be on the fruit and leaves.

Dibrom® for Psyllids

On May 20th, the FDACS authorized the experimental use permit (FL11-EUP-01) for Dibrom® (naled) insecticide for use in efficacy trials on citrus to control Asian citrus psyllid by aerial low volume application. The EPA registration number for the AMVAC product is 5481-479. (FDACS letter, 5/20/11).

Citrus Copper Application Scheduler Meeting Series



Presented by: University of Florida and Citrus Extension Agents

Wednesday, June 29th

Highlands County Extension Office 4509 George Blvd., Sebring Contact Tim Hurner (plowboy@ufl.edu), 863-402-6540

Tuesday, July 12th

DeSoto County Extension Office 2150 NE Roan St., Arcadia Contact DeSoto County Extension Office (shf@ufl.edu), 863-993-4847

Thursday, July 14th

Southwest Florida Research and Education Center 2685 State Road 29 N, Immokalee Contact Mongi Zekri (maz@ufl.edu), 863-674-4092

Tuesday, July 19th

Citrus Research and Education Center 700 Experiment Station Road, Lake Alfred Contact Chris Oswalt (wcoswalt@ufl.edu), 863-519-8677

Tuesday, July 26th

Lake County Extension Office 1951 Woodlea Rd., Tavares Contact Maggie Jarrell (mjarrell@ufl.edu), 352-343-4101 ext. 2730

Wednesday, July 27th

Indian River Research and Education Center 2199 South Rock Rd., Ft. Pierce Contact Tim Gaver (tgaver.49@ufl.edu), 772-462-1660

Agenda

10:00 am What's new in the world of scheduling

copper applications?

Dr. Megan Dewdney, UF-IFAS-CREC

10:50 am Scheduler Demonstration

11:15 am Question and Answer

11:30 am Hands-on program simulation

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Pre-registration is required.

Participants will receive a rain gauge and copper scheduler instruction card



"Proactive Innovations for a Positive Future"

20th Annual Citrus Exposm Seminar Program

Lee Civic Center - North Fort Myers, FL, August 17 & 18, 2011 Wednesday 9:30 a.m. - noon and 2:00-4:00 p.m. • Thursday 9:00 a.m. - noon

Strategies for surviving today's citrus challenges — from a grower's perspective — are on the agenda for the 2011 Citrus Expo seminar program. In addition to receiving practical information to protect their livelihoods, growers will be eligible to earn multiple CEUs and CCAs. Two days of education to help ensure a lifetime of citrus success is an opportunity you can't afford to miss.

Seminar Topics

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17 Morning Session

UPDATE FROM THE CRDF

- 9:30 What research is being funded and how is the information being communicated to the industry
- 9:50 The CRDF Commercial Products
 Development Committee —
 moving research to the field

MARKETING AND ECONOMICS

10:10 The World Citrus Industry — markets, pricing and competition

- 10:35 Funding marketing to grow demand while maintaining research funding
- 11:00 Labor costs for producing Florida citrus
- 11:25 Revisiting H2A and other labor programs

THE GROWER'S PERSPECTIVE

- 11:45 Grower presentation on cost and labor constraints and how to meet the bottom line
- 12:00 Lunch Italian Fiesta
 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17
 Afternoon Session
- 2:00 Area wide IPM: Integrated strategies for managing pests and diseases
- 2:20 CHMAs the effects of area wide management on Asian citrus psyllid populations

THE GROWER'S PERSPECTIVE

- 2:40 How to get involved in developing a CHMA in your area prosand cons of participating in a CHMA
- 3:00 Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs): A glossary of terms
- 3:10 GAPs: New FDA regulations and the impacts on Florida's citrus industry

THE GROWER'S PERSPECTIVE

3:40 How to implement and manage a GAPs program in your operation THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

Morning Session

- 9:00 HLB nutritional research update: Yield data and tree health
- 9:25 Changes in phloem plugging in HLB-infected trees on a foliar nutrition program

THE GROWER'S PERSPECTIVE

- 9:40 What is being applied, how is it being applied and the results
- 10:00 Advanced Citrus Production
 Systems (ACPS): Bringing the
 citrus grove into the 21st century

THE GROWER'S PERSPECTIVE

10:30 Establishing a commercial scale ACPS grove: the costs, complexity and feasibility

THE FUTURE

- 11:00 Long-term solutions to HLB: GMOs, AMPs and other acronyms that will save the day
- 11:30 Around the next bend in the road CVC, leprosis and other diseases on the horizon
- 12:00 Lunch Stay for Steak

Find updated schedule details as they develop at www.CitrusExpo.net

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Admission

Registration in advance **OR** on site required for admission. Complimentary attendance and meals provided both days to bona fide grove owners and managers, citrus production managers, professional crop advisers, association representatives and board members and the citrus research community. Preregistered growers are entered to win a John Deere gun safe sponsored by Everglades Farm Equipment.

Non-exhibiting companies and vendor personnel may purchase a one- or two-day admission pass for trade show, seminar and lunch. Visit www.CitrusExpo.net for details and group pricing.

Trade Show:

More than **150** citrus-related exhibits inside the air-conditioned Lee Civic Center arena plus outdoor displays. Doors open 8:00 a.m. both days.

Events & Prize Drawings:

Must be present to win. Some restrictions apply. Times and rules at prize drawing area and registration desk.

Meals in Trade Show:

Continental breakfast 8-9:30 a.m. both days. Lunch 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. both days. Meal tickets distributed with name badges at check-in. Wednesday lunch – Italian Fiesta. Thursday – Stay For Steak.

HOTELS

Holiday Inn Fort Myers.

Phone: 239-561-1550. Ask for the \$87.00 Citrus Exposm Rate.

Hilton Garden Inn Fort Myers Airport/FGCU.

Phone: 239-210-7200. Ask for the \$87.00 Citrus Exposm Rate.

Courtyard by Marriott Fort Myers.

Phone: 239-332-4747. Ask for the \$89.00 Citrus Exposm Rate.

Homewood Suites by Hilton Fort Myers.

Phone: 239-210-7300. Ask for the \$94.00 Citrus Exposm Rate

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