

Central Florida Fruit Production News

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Fred Crosby's Weather Forecast

Looks like there will be no min temp (frost/freeze) problems for the upcoming week... and rather minimal precipitation (small chances this weekend and again toward mid next week). Temps will be not too far from the normal (max in the 70s, mins in the 50s) for most of the peninsula

Fruit Display

The next fruit display from the CREC Citrus Improvement Team will be next week December 10th at 10am in the BHG conference hall at Lake Alfred. The display will include some candidates to replace Hamlin (fruit and juice tasting), some new seedless and easy-peel mandarins, and some new grapefruit and grapefruit-like hybrids with improved disease resistance.

Bird Damage Survey

The APHIS National Wildlife Research Center would like fruit and vegetable growers to respond to a survey on bird damage. Through this survey they hope to gain a better understanding of the frequency and magnitude of this important human-wildlife conflict, and whether the development of new or optimization of current damage mitigation tools is needed. The survey is being administered by the University of Rhode Island, but the target audience is fruit and vegetable growers throughout the nation. [Take the survey.](#)

Citrus Soil Health Program

Did you miss the program last month? Well, I cannot give you the grove tours by Ed James and Ben Krupski, but I can provide the slide shows the researchers provided. Just go to the UF/IFAS [Lake County Commercial Fruit Production](#) website and click on the desired program on the upper left side of

the page.



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