

Central Florida Fruit Production News

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Pile Burner Class

Pushed old trees piling up? Mongi Zekri is holding a Certified Pile Burner class on Wednesday, July 24, at the Southwest Florida Research and Education Center in Immokalee. This course will show you how to burn piles legally, safely and efficiently and could save a life. If you burn piles regularly, you should register for this course. When the weather is dry, certified pile burners receive priority for authorization to burn for the Florida Forest Service and you are allowed to burn up to two hours longer per day and get multiple day authorizations. Class size is limited so register now. \$50 fee. Contact Dr. Mongi Zekri at maz@ufl.edu or 239-595-5494.

Grape Field Day

Learn all about grape production in Florida, including soil amendment research, disease and pest management, grape breeding, vineyard trellising, pruning, and processing for sparkling wines. Free program on July 16 at Citra. [Registration link.](#)

Save the Dates

Matt Smith (Sumter County Extension) and I are working on a **blueberry summer program** to cover weed control and summer pests and diseases. Keep an eye out for it.

Citrus Soil and Root Health Field Day - Cover crops, compost amendments, fertilizers. November 15 in Yalaha.

New UF/IFAS Factsheets

Caribbean Fruit Fly Management in Florida Peaches - biology and management. [Link.](#)

Crop Insurance Policies Available to Blueberry Growers in Florida -

description and examples for the two main crop insurance policies available for blueberry growers in Florida. [Link](#).

Formation of Citrus Canker Lesions - poster designed to assist citrus nursery workers in identification of citrus canker. [Link](#).

Southern Highbush Blueberry Cultivars from the University of Florida - an update on the current and historical southern highbush blueberry cultivars released by UF. [Link](#).



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