

Central Florida Fruit Production News

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Fruit Grower Day Sept. 28, Tavares

[Register soon](#)

Blueberries in the morning program and Citrus in the afternoon program. Come for one or both, but come for lunch either way. 1.5 Pesticide applicator CEUs in private applicator or tree crop for the morning program and one for the afternoon program. Farm Service Agency will provide information on programs for hurricane damage clean up and replanting.

Program:

10:00 Fall and Early Winter Blueberry Management - a decisive time for the creation of your 2018 crop. Cover spray program and management of Dormex and Evergreen blueberry plants from September to early January as well as blueberry plant physiology in relation to the day length and weather. Gerard Krewer - Krewer Consulting, LLC

10:30 Sparkleberry Rootstock Trial – Jeff Williamson, UF/IFAS

11:00 Blueberry Disease Update – Phil Harmon, UF/IFAS

11:30 UF Blueberry Breeding Program – Patricio Munoz, UF/IFAS

12 – 1 Lunch for all

1:00 FSA Tree Assistance Program – Craig Stokes, Farm Service Agency

1:15 Abandoned Grove Abatement Initiative – Callie Walker, FDACS

1:30 Tax Issues – Glenn Hubbard, Lake County Property Appraiser

1:45 New Citrus Cultivars – new disease resistant cultivars – Peter Chaires, New Varieties Development & Management Corp.

2:20 Tree Orientation, Windbreaks, and Tree Planting Considerations with HLB – find out how planting design affects insect and disease transmission to reduce the need for spray applications – Kirstin Stelinski, UF/IFAS

Research Updates

[Compost Not a Good Mulch for Blueberries](#)

[Using Severe Pruning and Foliar Nutrition to Combat Citrus Greening](#)

[Fertilize Southern Highbush Blueberries Summer Through Early Fall](#)

[Organic Control of Root Rot in Blueberry](#)

Hurricane Irma Disaster Information

[USDA disaster relief applications](#)

[Disaster Related Tax Rules](#)

“The dollar value of property losses due to fires, floods, tornadoes, earthquakes, lightning, freezes, etc. can be substantial. Federal income tax regulations often provide relief by allowing deductions for losses of both business-use and personal-use property. This fact sheet describes losses to property, the process used to determine if you have a deductible loss, how insurance proceeds and cost share benefits are treated, and how to reconstruct records to document a loss. Examples help explain the rules that apply to property found on the farm including buildings, machinery, livestock, feed, supplies, personal residence and the contents and personal vehicles...”

FSA Assistance

We will have Craig Stokes from Farm Service Agency at the Grower Day on Sept. 28. He will address the tree replacement program for citrus, which can also help blueberry growers with hurricane Irma damage. They have money to assist with debris removal and clean up as well as plant material. Make sure you take photos of the damage and document expenses, resources, and labor as well as fence repair for all hurricane damage.

Upcoming Programs

[Crop Insurance Workshop Nov. 1 at Lake Alfred](#)

[Fruit Crop Management Short Course – Alternative Crops, Nov. 6-7 at Lake Alfred](#)

[Indian River Citrus Production Fall 2017 Seminar Series](#)



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