

# Central Florida Fruit Production News

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## Produce Safety Class

Did you know that every farm producing edibles needs to have at least one person trained in the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA)? This class provides that training. Attendees will learn about produce safety; worker health, hygiene, and training; soil amendment safety; animal effects on produce safety; agricultural water safety; postharvest handling safety; and developing a farm food safety plan. Even citrus producers should have a trained person. The class takes a day and costs \$25. It is being held in Tavares at the Extension office on Sept. 24. [Online registration.](#)

## Farm Safety Day

The annual Farm Safety Day is ready for registration. Send your workers for a morning of WPS annual training, a brief update on produce safety, respirator and glove PPE, quick CPR, tractor safety and maintenance, heat stress/stroke and ear protection. The WPS and produce safety are presented in English and Spanish. Oct. 30 from 8 am -1 pm includes lunch and certificate of attendance suitable for insurance purposes for \$25. [Online registration.](#)

## Citrus Soil Health Field Day

Have you wondered if composts or cover crops or fancy fertilizers will help your citrus trees produce even with Greening? Find out what some local growers are doing to improve their soil health and yields and the science behind it at the Citrus Soil Health Field Day. November 15 from 10 am - 3:30 pm at Ed Jame's grove in Howey. We will also be looking at Ben Krupski's adjacent grove to see the impacts of composts. \$10 includes lunch. [Online registration.](#)

## Winter Weather School 2019

Back by popular demand Juanita will hold a Winter Weather School on November 19 from 9 am to 1 pm at the Tavares Extension Office. John Jackson is coming back for an encore performance. Learn about cold protection for ornamental nurseries and fruit orchards from experienced cold

protectors like John Jackson, Ryan Atwood, and Bill Lennon. The program will include the long range weather outlook for this winter, how to get your irrigation system in order, how to obtain reliable data, how to select the proper critical temperatures for protection of your crop, and how to make decisions on the critical days about what needs to be done when. It will include information on covering ornamental crops as well as irrigation for cold protection. Lunch is included. [Online registration.](#)



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