



Citruslines

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Greening and Canker Field Day-January 9th, 2007

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2007 Pesticide Applicator training and testing schedule brochure

The first two months on the job have been challenging and rewarding. Everyone told me that I had big shoes to fill following John Jackson. I of course knew this, but did not quite realize how big the shoes were! I thank all of you for your patience during this time of transition, and I thank John for his continued support. As Maggie and I are learning the ins and outs of our new positions, one major item has stuck out. We need to update our mailing list. There have been some problems with people receiving our program information, we promise to rectify this situation. We are asking that if you want to be included on our future mailing list to please send Maggie an email or letter (contact info is provide below) with your contact information requesting that you continue to receive this newsletter. We urge you to send an email address if you have one as it is easier, quicker, and less costly than traditional snail mail. Sometime in the near future we will most likely begin to charge a small fee for those who want to have a hard copy sent to them via U.S. mail.

I have been asked "What happened to the OJ meetings?" I have held three scheduled programs in Tavares but I did not advertise them as OJ meetings. Part of the reason I did this is due to my appointment as a fruit crops agent. I did not want potential participants to think that the meetings are exclusive to citrus growers. Obviously, many programs do deal only with citrus such as the canker/greening workshop, while others programs such as tractor safety and winter weather school can apply to many agricultural producers. We will be having programs in the future that will be called OJ meetings, and the next one will be February 13th.

2007 Pesticide Applicator training and testing schedule is attached. Lake, Seminole, Orange and Osceola counties continue to work together to provide these programs. A pesticide license is required for anyone who applies or supervises an application of a restricted use pesticide for agricultural production. A private applicator license is available only for private individuals applying pesticides to their own property or to property rented,

leased to them or to their employer. This certification requires a passing grade (70%) on the Private exam and a passing grade (70%) on the General Standards (Core) Exam. This certification must be renewed every 4 years either by testing or with 8 Continuing Education Units (CEU's). Four CEU's in the Core category and four CEU's in the private category are required. An agricultural tree crop applicator license is available either as a Public certification, for those applicators that work for federal, state, county or municipal public agencies, or as a Commercial certification for contractors. This exam requires a passing grade (70%) along with a passing grade (70%) on the General Standards (Core) Exam. The license must be renewed every 4 years either by testing or with 12 CEU's. One CEU equals approximately 50 minutes of class time. The cost of testing for the private applicator and the agricultural tree crop applicator is free, and can be taken at your local county extension agency. The cost of the private applicators license and the cost of the public agricultural tree crop applicator license is \$60.00. The cost for the agricultural tree crop applicator license commercial category is \$160.00. The cost of renewal is the same as the initial license price. This is a State of Florida certification issued by the Bureau of Compliance Monitoring (BCM), a division of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS). If you need more information, or have a problem call the Bureau by phone at 850-488-8731.

Citrus Pest Management Course is being offered at UF/IFAS's Citrus Research and Education Center in Lake Alfred this spring. The citrus pest management is a graduate level course (3.0 units) for citrus industry personnel and students. This course teaches the latest strategies for control of insects, diseases, and weeds. The course will be taught by Dr. Larry Duncan University of Florida/IFAS, Professor of Nematology. The class will meet every Thursday for 3 hours between 3-6 pm running from January 11th to May 3rd. The cost for Florida residents will be \$853.32. Regular and non-degree registration is Jan. 5-8 and students are strongly encouraged to register early. Students must complete the registration procedures outlined at: http://entnemdept.ufl.edu/dept_disted.htm. For registration assistance, please contact Ms Debbie Hall (352-392-1901 x 117; dahall@ufl.edu). For additional information about the class contact Dr. Larry Duncan (863-956-1151; lwduncan@ufl.edu).

Mechanical Harvesting Workshop and Field Day will be held in Bartow January 19th, 2007. With possible labor shortages occurring in the future, some growers are investigating mechanical harvesting options. Most of the mechanical harvesting systems operate in southwest Florida, but as technologies advance it is something for central Florida growers to keep informed about. UF/IFAS has a website dedicated to mechanical harvesting at: <http://citrusmh.ifas.ufl.edu/index.asp>. On the site you will find useful tools such as the new citrus harvesting decision model which was designed to help growers determine if mechanical harvesting is a profitable option. If you would like to know more about mechanical harvesting I encourage you to attend this workshop. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Barbara Hyman at (239) 658-3415 or email at brh@ifas.ufl.edu

Greening and Canker Field Day is scheduled for January 9th. There will be a bus leaving for south Florida from the Lake County Agricultural Center at 7 AM and returning around 6-7 PM. We will have the opportunity to see firsthand the symptoms and effects of citrus canker and greening to a commercial grove. A lunch will be provided. There will be a cost of \$25.00 per person and space is limited. Please make sure to RSVP to Maggie Jarrell at 352-343-4101 as soon as possible.

Citrus nurseries are going to become more highly regulated under the new Citrus Health Response Plan (CHRP) this coming year and it is most likely going to affect citrus tree availability in the future. The CHRP program is requiring as of January 1, 2007 that all budwood used for propagating citrus trees be under screen in a Division of Plant Industry (DPI) approved structure. Also, as of Jan. 1st all newly budded citrus trees must be contained in an approved protective structure. After December 31, 2007 existing citrus nursery stock that was

produced before Jan. 1, 2007, but not produced in an approved structure, is not eligible for movement or sale. So why is this important to growers? Annually the Florida citrus industry resets approximately 5 million trees. The projected number of trees to be produced in approved structures in 2007 is 1.5 million trees, leaving approximately 3.5 million tree shortage. It is going to be important to have a reset plan for the next few years and a contract with a certified nurseryman to make sure that you have an adequate number of trees for your grove. Additional time (6 to 9 months extra) would be needed for varieties other than Hamlin or Valencia, due to the budwood shortage. Many of the lesser used varieties are only located in Winter Haven (at DPI) and they only have a small number of plants in which to produce budwood. DPI is currently in the process of building the appropriate greenhouse structures in Chiefland, FL and plan on replicating plants to fill the demand of the citrus industry. However, this will take some time as the structures have yet to be completed. Take home message is plan ahead and contract with a nurseryman as extra trees (non-contracted) will be slim to none. For a list of nurserymen visit: www.floridacitrusnursery.com.

Indian River Citrus Seminar is January 24th-25th in Fort Pierce and UF/IFAS is one of the sponsors. The seminar offers Florida citrus growers timely, real-world solutions to the challenges and opportunities that exist in producing, marketing and delivering citrus fruits to market. Some of the general topics covered are canker management, greening, windbreaks, state of the citrus industry, what's on the horizon, and alternative energy crops. For more information about the seminar please visit: http://www.floridagrower.net/indian_river/ircs_show_guide.html

For more information on any of these programs please contact us at:

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Sincerely,

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December 1st, 2006

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December 1st, 2006



Greening & Canker Field Day *January 9, 2006*

Program:

The Lake County Extension Center is hosting a field day to south Florida from the Lake County Agricultural Center at 7:00 AM **SHARP** and returning around 6—7:00 PM depending on travel time.

You will have the opportunity to see first hand the symptoms and effects of citrus canker and greening to a commercial grove. You will have the opportunity to see and hear how others are combating these issues.

Lunch will be provided. There will be a **\$25.00 cost PER person** and space is **LIMITED**.

Please RSVP to Maggie Jarrell at 343-4101 or by completing the attached form **ASAP** to ensure your space.

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
CITRUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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Greening & Canker Field Day

Registration Deadline January 5, 2006

COST: \$25.00

Registration Required. Mail or Fax this form.

Please print clearly!

Name of Organization

Phone:() _____

Mailing Address:

_____ Zip _____

Name(s) of those attending

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