

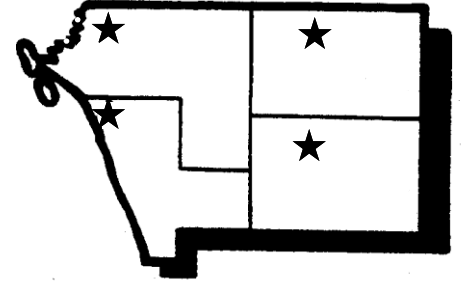
West Central Citrus Letter

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Citrus Health Management Areas

The DeSoto Citrus Health Management Areas (CHMAs) have been established consisting of three (3) management areas for the county, i.e. northeast, northwest and southeast. A map showing these zone boundaries is enclosed with this newsletter.

Area CHMA contacts are as follows:

Northeast DeSoto CHMA – Jerry Newlin (JNewlin@orangeofla.com); Buddy Strickland (bstrickland@orangeofla.com); Northwest DeSoto CHMA – Justin Sorrells (jsorrells8@gmail.com); and the Southeast DeSoto CHMA – Brian Beswick (bbeswick@bluegoosegrowers.com).

An area wide spray will be targeted for the fall (November) using an organophosphate type of insecticide. As in the past, CHMA sprays try to target a short application window of about 2 weeks to cover the entire area. Types of organophosphate materials for psyllid control include: chlopyrifos, diamethoate, malathion, and phosmet. When selecting a product to be used, be sure to review the label to ensure that the application will not interfere with your harvesting schedule as products will vary in the pre harvest interval requirements.

Information about all CHMAs statewide can be found at their website at – http://www.crec.ifas.ufl.edu/extension/chmas/chma_websites.shtml or by typing in ‘chmas’ into your search engine and then locating the Citrus Health Management Area web page.

Farm Labor Contractor Core Training, Nov. 9, 10, Arcadia

Multiple sessions of Farm Labor Contractor Core (FLC) training will be offered this season by the University of Florida at research & education centers and at the South Florida Community College campus in Arcadia. The Arcadia location training will be on November 9 and 10. Sessions will begin at 8 AM and conclude at 5 PM each day. Additional sessions will be in Belle Glade (Sept. 21-22 and Dec. 14-15), Immokalee (Oct. 5-6 and Nov. 16-17)

The training includes four (4) units: 1) Administration – regulations about wage & hour, workers’ compensation, and inspections; 2) transportation laws and safety for vehicles that transport farm workers plus housing regulations and standards; 3) worker safety in the field; and 4) personnel management, including human trafficking, discrimination, child labor, and techniques for managing workers. Each unit takes 4 hours to complete. Topics 1 and 2 are taught on the first day with topics 3 and 4 on the second day.

The training program is open to anyone who supervises farm workers, or who is responsible for maintaining compliance with respect to farm labor regulations. Cost is \$100 for the full 4 session class. A certificate of completion for the farm labor contractor core training will be issued after completing the class. A light breakfast, lunch and refreshments will be served.

The training will be provided in English and Spanish, simultaneously in two different rooms for each of the four units.

To register for the program, please see the enclosed form or by contacting Ms. Marcela Rice at 239-658-3400 or by email at mlrice@ufl.edu.

Citrus Research Field Day, Nov. 15, 2011

A field day will be conducted to highlight citrus rootstock evaluation, advance citrus production systems on Nov. 15. In the new rootstock evaluations section, discussion on controlled release fertilizer, early fruit production and tree size control will be highlighted. The advance citrus production will highlight: high density plantings, rootstocks, fertigation options and freeze protection, narrow equipment and economics.

The program begins at the Citrus Research & Education Center (700 Experiment Station Road, Lake Alfred, FL) with registration at 7:30 AM and buses will depart promptly at 8:15. Lunch and transportation is being provided for the field day participants. Pre-registration is required prior to November 10th and limited to the first 200 participants.

Please see the enclosed program flier for more information and registration form.

Restricted Use Pesticide License Review and Testing (Core & Private), October 27, 2011

A three-hour pesticide license review and testing class will be held on Thursday, October 27, 2011 at the Hardee County Extension Service Office at 507 Civic Center Drive in Wauchula. The class will review the materials contained in the tests to obtain a private applicator pesticide license. The review session will begin at 9:00 A.M. and conclude at noon with the test being given at 1:00 P.M. Three CEUs (2 Core and 1 Private) will be offered to individuals having a current pesticide license and will be renewing using CEUs. A registration fee of \$38.00 per person is charged to cover the study manuals and refreshments. To attend the class for only CEUs, the registration fee is \$5.00. If you wish to attend the class to obtain CEUs or to take the test, please call the Hardee County Extension Service Office at 863-773-2164 to register. Pre-registration is requested prior to October 20, 2011. Please note this will be the last pesticide license review and testing class for 2011.

Core CEUs

If you are in need of Core continuing education units (CEUs) for renewal of your restricted use pesticide license, you can find articles to read and complete a test to receive one CEU per article. These articles appear four times per year in Citrus Industry magazine and can also be seen on the citrus agent's website. Their site can be found at <http://citrusagents.ifas.ufl.edu>. The articles are limited to grant CEUs up to 1-year from the original publication date.

When renewing your license, private restricted use pesticide licenses require 8 CEUs over the license period. Of the 8 CEUs for Private license renewal, at least 4 must be in the Core category with an additional 4 in the Private category. For a commercial ag tree crop license you will need 12 CEUs over the license period with 4 in Core and 8 in Ag tree crop. Please do not wait until just before your license expires to attempt to obtain the necessary CEUs.

Private and ag tree crop CEUs are usually granted at most citrus extension programs locally and at statewide meetings.

Citrus Brown Rot

A few cases of citrus brown rot have recently been noted in our area. Brown rot commonly appears from mid-August through October following periods of extended rainfall. The disease usually is found in the lower portion of the tree and then spreads upward into the canopy with time.

Applications of Aliette, Phostrol or ProPhyt are usually applied before the first signs of brown rot. Applications of copper are primarily protective but are capable of killing sporangia on the fruit surface, thus reducing inoculum for a period of 45-60 days.

USDA Compensation for Claims

The USDA Compensation for Claims of Discrimination to Hispanic, Women, Native American, African American farmers and ranchers who believe they were improperly denied farm loan benefits for certain time periods from 1981 to 2000 should contact the USDA for more information or regarding the settlements and claims adjudication process.

Dates to remember:

- Oct. 27 Restricted Use Pesticide License Review
 and Testing, Wauchula
- Nov. 9-10 Farm Labor Contractor Core Training,
 Arcadia
- Nov. 15 Citrus Research Field Day, Lake Alfred

Sincerely,

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