

**Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association**

**USDA Lab Tour November 22**

Due to some unavoidable conflicts, the USDA tour originally scheduled for November 2, has been delayed until November 22. It will be worth the wait, as we have an outstanding program organized.

The mere decade old USDA Horticultural Laboratory is a showcase of Florida agricultural research. The citrus team has invited us to tour their labs, greenhouses and field trials allowing us the opportunity to judge for ourselves the progress being made against HLB

and other citrus diseases.

Travel time will focus on production information with a “getting back to basics” focus. As we continue to fight HLB and other invasive pest and diseases, it is more important than ever growers utilize every resource possible in producing fruit. Using good production practices can make the difference in a profitable & unprofitable grove.

Travel topics will cover rootstocks, budwood, fruit set and quality, using state and federal resources and

much more. The complete program is listed on page 2.

Growers who wish to be part of this educational trip need to register with the association office. Space is limited and resources for the trip need to be prepared.

Call the association office today at (863) 494-0061 or 773-2644 to reserve your seat.



**USDA Crop Estimate Released**

Expecting growers gathered October 12 at PRVCGA’s Estimate Breakfasts to hear the official USDA citrus crop estimate announcement. The total orange crop expected is 147 million boxes.

We appreciate all the growers who attended the breakfasts sponsored by Joe L. Davis Inc. Realtors, DeSoto Insurance, & Morgan Stanley Smith Barney—Richard Johnson.

Congratulations to Rhett Smith and Mac Martin,

\$200 cash ‘guestimate’ prize winners. Prizes were sponsored by Keyplex & Yara North America.

WSSZ 106.9, “The Bull” radio station broadcasted live interviewing growers throughout the event.

Southeast AgNet also worked live from the DeSoto breakfast, providing the announcement statewide.

The Hardee Co. Green Acres 4-H Club and the DeSoto Elks Lodge provided the breakfasts.

This is a great fund raising and educational opportunity for the students.

Picture highlights of both breakfasts can be seen on page 8.

2011/12 Citrus Crop	
Non-Valencia Oranges	74 million
Valencia Oranges	73 million
<b>Total FL Oranges</b>	<b>147 million</b>
White Grapefruit	5.6 million
Colored Grapefruit	14.5 million
<b>Total FL Grapefruit</b>	<b>20.1 million</b>

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**Points of Interest:**

- USDA Lab Tour Nov. 22*
- Director Election Process Underway*
- Cash Fruit Clearinghouse Open*

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## USDA Horticultural Laboratory Tour

November 22

8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### USDA—Ft. Pierce Laboratory

- ◆ **Duan Laboratory:** Use of heat to control HLB. Possible temporary “tenting” of young trees.
- ◆ **Shatters Laboratory:** Disrupting psyllid feeding and ways to penetrate antibiotics into trees.
- ◆ **Lapointe Laboratory:** Developing attractants and repellants to control psyllid.
- ◆ **Hunter Laboratory:** Application of RNAi to induce psyllid self-destruction.
- ◆ **Tissue Culture Laboratory:** Developing citrus varieties resistant or tolerant to HLB.
- ◆ **Insectary:** Rearing psyllid and other insects for citrus research.

### Viewing Opportunities

- ◆ **Greenhouses:** Growing potted citrus to develop improved scion & rootstock varieties by traditional breeding & transgenics
- ◆ **Picos Farm:**
  - ⇒ Selections from Citrus Breeding Program with Promise for Naming & Release
  - ⇒ Young trees developed via Transgenics
  - ⇒ Calcium as a possible defense against citrus canker & HLB
  - ⇒ Pest & disease plots
  - ⇒ Alternative crops

### Travel Presentations

- ◆ **Rootstocks: Choosing the Right Rootstock for Today’s Groves** – Dr. Jude Grosser, Ph. D. Agronomy/Plant Breeding & Genetics
- ◆ **Environmental Stress Physiology of Citrus** – Dr. Jim Syvertson, Ph. D. Biology
- ◆ **The Past, Present & Future of Florida Citrus Budwood** – Michael Kessinger, Chief Bureau of Citrus Budwood Registration, Division of Plant Industry
- ◆ **Using the CHMA Website to Gather Psyllid Population Information** – Greg Carlton, Bureau Chief, Pest Eradication

*Additional presentations are being scheduled.*



*Thanksgiving is the perfect time to express our sincere appreciation for your confidence & loyalty to PRVCGA. We are deeply thankful and extend to you our best wishes for a happy and healthy Thanksgiving holiday.*

The office will be  
**CLOSED**  
November 11th in  
Observance of  
Veterans Day, as well as  
November 24th, & 25th  
for Thanksgiving.



Join us at the Board Meeting

November 15 - 9 a.m.

Sander's Home, Wauchula

Please RSVP in Advance.

## CRDF Update



The October Board of Directors meeting of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation (CRDF) recapped the many committee meetings of the organization. An ordinate amount of activity has transpired in the past month.

One of the most critical discussions of the board was centered on operational funding methods. The CRDF operates mainly on grower funding, received in a variety of ways. Growers pay a research tax of \$.03, which is collected through the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service (FDACS). The Moneys paid by growers through the Florida Department of Citrus (FDOC) box tax also make their way to the research entity. The Foundation has received some donations from citrus related business, mostly processors and there is always a hope of state and federal funding. Each of these funding sources is realized and accounted for in a unique format.



This year the Foundation saved approximately \$1.5 million because of keen review of research project costs. The monies originally came from growers through the FDOC. The questions at hand are:

- Should the funds be returned to the Department of Citrus for use in the marketing of Florida citrus products,
- Held by the Department for future research needs, or
- Should the funding be held by the CRDF for future research needs?

A variety of opinions surfaced, with board members questioning the proper political and ethical path, as well as procedural issues.

Politically, the question is do you jeopardize state or federal funding if Legislators believe there is an excess of funds. It is obviously encouraging prudent management has produced an excess, which bodes well in growers minds. Unfortunately, government does not typically view this favorably. There was also a question whether donors would view an excess unfavorably, making possible donors less likely to contribute in the future.



Unfortunately, in the interim, growers have been funding program costs almost entirely on their own. They did so with the expectation other funding sources obtained would bring the growers contribution back to the \$.03 research tax. Ultimately, the CRDF board decided to ask the Florida Citrus Commission (FCC) for direction on the matter.

Because of the nature of the funding system and “pay as you go” research funding, there has been a large amount of unaccounted spending floating between the FDOC and the CRDF. Last year, this totaled \$4 million. The board of the CRDF and the FCC is working diligently to reduce the amount. The float will never fully be addressed. Therefore, the CRDF approved investments of some of these funds in a University of Florida investment pool.

The University is working with Tropicana to add them to the list of processors financially supporting the research effort. They hope to create an endowment rather than a onetime cash gift.

Lykes Insurance is proposing a portion of all premiums paid be allocated to CRDF. There should be more details about this transaction in the coming months. This will not create an immediate impact, but could grow to be a large recurring possibility for funding.



There are five expiring terms in December 2011. Tom Jerkins, Wayne Simmons, Ricke Kress, Jerry Newlin and Hugh Thompson have all been reappointed. It was noted all Category 1 representatives, which represents all grower members will expire since staggering of terms were not created in the original policies. To correct this, the board approved three year terms and a two term limit. The committee will work with board members to determine the correct initial terms for current board members.



The Research Committee has received 191 requests for funding. That number has already been reduced to 115 proposals totaling \$113 million. The review process continues. They will also organize a workshop on culturing *Candidatus Liberibacter Asiaticus* with the intent of consolidating those types of projects into one general research direction. They received approval for \$20,000 to cover the cost of the workshop. It will be held sometime in the first quarter of next year. Growers will be invited to attend.

The Industry Research Coordinating Committee is completing the annual analysis of gaps in research. It will be finalized at the next meeting. The committee is still trying to organize all research projects globally, starting with IFAS and USDA then moving to other entities. John Jackson's employment contract for travel and salary was extended until December of 2011.

The CRDF website has been revamped. Improvements include simpler use and faster access to information. To view all the improvements, and explore the new website visit <http://www.citrusrdf.org/blog/>

## FDOC Update



Florida citrus growers should enjoy another profitable season in 2011-12, despite falling U.S. orange juice sales and record-high retail prices for consumers, FDOC economist say. The windfall is created by continued low Florida production and low inventories held by processors. Despite higher 2011-12 orange crops from Florida and Brazil, which together produce almost 84 percent of the world's orange juice, increased production in 2011-12 will go to replenish shrinking inventories during the past two years.

Predictions for grower prices are \$1.60 per pound solid for early/mid-season oranges and \$1.70 for Valencia oranges. This is up slightly from the average \$1.57 per pound solid growers received last year, but a decrease in the Valencia prices of \$1.84. Based on these predictions, an average grove will break even at \$1.25.

Consumer prices are estimated to continue to pay a premium price for orange juice, which is blamed for the 7.2% decline in domestic orange juice sales. The report estimates an increase in excess of \$6.06 per gallon, reaching as high as \$6.21 per gallon.

USDA's crop prediction was higher than the estimate used to create the FDOC's 2011-12 operating budget,

creating an increase of nearly \$2 million of additional income. Tax rates adopted are shown to below.

### 2011-2012 Tax Rates

OJ & Tangerine Juice:	\$.230
GJ:	\$.340
Fresh Orange:	\$.050
Fresh Grapefruit:	\$.340
Fresh Specialty :	\$.140

Adjustments to the Domestic Market- ing Budget are as follows:

- \$742,000 to Shopper Marketing initiatives
- \$500,000 to supplement Shopper Marketing with digital ad support
- \$100,000 to create custom retailer-specific digital ads and supplement creative for Facebook
- \$10,000 to develop recipes and photography for an orange juice/seafood foodservice promotion

An additional \$200,000 will be applied to the following grapefruit programs:

- \$100,000 to support coupon redemption for fresh grapefruit and grapefruit juice
- \$ 90,000 to supplement Shopper Marketing initiatives
- \$ 10,000 to develop recipes and pho-

tography for a grapefruit juice/seafood foodservice promotion

The Citrus Research and Development Foundation (CRDF) will continue to receive \$10 million at a cost of \$0.053 per box for all domestic and imported citrus.

The 601 Committee presented the committee's final recommended revisions to Chapter 601, Florida Statutes, the Florida Citrus Code, which were approved. These will be submitted to the Florida Legislature, which will review the package and may propose additional changes. An effective date of December 31, 2012 was recommended to the Legislature to allow ample time for regulations being transferred to the FDOC rules. They are citrus maturity standards and the dealer bond provisions. There is additional interest



in changing the qualifications of Florida Citrus Commissioners. This was deferred until a later date and will not move as part of the 2012 Legislative package. The proposed changes can be viewed at: <https://fdocgrower.box.net/shared/ardq2hymf7bpljkrdf>

The next meeting of the Florida Citrus Commission will be December 21, 2011 beginning at 9 a.m.

### Commissioner V. C. Hollingsworth's Comments

A key presentation during the Florida Citrus Commission meeting was the Florida Citrus Outlook for the 2011-2012 season. The report holds a great deal of information making predictions for the season based on a wealth of information and economic principals. Brazil's impact on Florida grower's wellbeing is something growers know happens, but often do not research to understand why. This report helps sort out the information in a format all growers can utilize for better business decisions.

Predictions are that both orange juice producing areas will produce more fruit with higher yields this season. Thankfully, both areas also ended the previous season with reduced inventories. The higher yields are expected to replenish stocks, while grower prices are expected to remain strong in both countries. Brazil has implemented programs to incentivize processors to build inventories, slow export sales and support grower prices. This may be in anticipation of the increased demand in Far East Countries, which has taken the number two export destination for Brazilian orange juice, replacing the United States. To read the Outlook in its entirety visit: <http://www.fdocgrower.com/economics/economic-research/outlook-florida-citrus/>.

## How are You Celebrating Farm City Week?



November 13-19 is National Farm City Week. Falling each year the week before Thanksgiving, this is a national celebration of agriculture's contributions to the United States producing, food, fiber and economic benefit.

There are several activities being held throughout our counties. Join in on the planned events and make it your goal to discuss the importance of agriculture with a least one person during Farm City Week.

### November 14

•Agricultural Farm Tour - Open to the public; pre-registration required. Cost: \$40 – includes lunch & refreshments. Stops include the

Manatee Co Fairgrounds, Jones Potato Farm, SMR Farms (cattle, citrus & sod), and C&D Fruit and Vegetable Company. For a complete agenda, more information or to reserve call (941) 722-4524.

### November 15

•Manatee Co Soil & Water Conservation District Speech Contest. Call Gail Somodi (941) 907-0011 to enter.

### November 16

•Kiwanis Luncheon/Agriculturalist of the Year. Invitation only event.

### November 17

•Leadership Manatee Tour  
•Hardee Co. Ag Venture - 4th grade students learning about local agriculture.

### November 18

•Manatee Co. 3rd Grade Ag Venture -

Hands-on agricultural experiences such as planting vegetables, squeezing citrus, dairy, and other topics.

•Hall of Fame Luncheon in Palmetto - Open to the public. Tickets are \$12. Please call (941) 722-4524 in advance to purchase tickets.

•DeSoto County Ag Festival Banquet. Purchase tickets at the Turner Center.

### November 19

•DeSoto Co. Ag Festival—Free to public. Gates at the Turner Center open at 9 a.m.

•Manatee County Farm City Week Beef Workshop & Prospect Show at the Manatee Fair Grounds.

•Faye Blackstone Junior Ranch Rodeo, 7 p.m. at the Manatee Fairgrounds. \$5 per person (under 12 free).

## Director Election Process Underway

As we begin to approach the end of the year, Director Elections are underway. Ballots are anticipated to be mailed the first week of December.

The nominating committees are meeting over the next few days determining nominations. This year's committees consist of the following members:

**Charlotte/DeSoto:** Bobby Mixon, Charlie Harrison Jr. & Cary Mercer,

**Hardee:** Charles Grimsley, Walter Farr & Carl Saunders

**Manasota:** Shirley Bryant, Mac

Carraway & Gary Russ

Due to changes in our bylaws, there will be five directors with expiring terms. This will be the single largest director turnover in the association's history. Obviously, it is vitally important we have strong leadership at all times. Please contact a nominating committee member if you are interested in being a candidate.

Growers, look for your director election ballot in December's mail.

## Cash Fruit Clearing House Open

PRVCGA is accepting listings of uncommitted fruit for our Cash Fruit Clearinghouse. This listing service is provided to growers each year in hopes of generating purchase interest.

Participation is simple. Call the association office with the variety and amount of fruit to be listed. Identify the fruit as fresh or processed and


provide your preferred method of contact. The information will be listed and shared with member processors.


All negotiation is between the seller and the buyer. PRVCGA's involvement is simply a listing of fruit available. For more information or to list, call 773-2644 or 494-0061.




## People, Places, & Things

 The Economic Research Service of the Florida Department of Agriculture has released an economic brief, **Public Agriculture Research Spending and Future U.S. Agriculture Productivity Grower: Scenarios for 2010-2050**. Read it at <http://www.ers.usda.gov/Publications/EB17/EB17.pdf>.


 The **2011 Florida Ag Expo**. It will be held November 9 at the Gulf Coast Research and Education Center. Visit <http://www.floridaagexpo.com/register> to register.


 The **Florida Citrus Hall of Fame** is seeking nominees to be honored March 2 at Florida Southern College in Lakeland. Eligible nominees are those who have made distinguishable contributions to the citrus industry. The deadline for nominations is December 1 and all nominations must include a photo. Nomination forms are available by contacting Brenda Eubanks Burnette at (561) 351-4314 or by visiting the Florida Citrus Hall of Fame web site at [www.FloridaCitrusHallofFame.com](http://www.FloridaCitrusHallofFame.com).

 Citrus Industry Magazine continues its follow-up from the recent **Citrus Research and Development Foundation Meeting** on research priorities with several interviews. Hear Joe Davis, Jr.'s comments at <http://southeastagnet.com/2011/08/28/crdf%e2%80%99s-davis-skeptical-of-hlb-cure-wants-short-term-help/>. The site also features interviews with another PRVCGA member, Tom Jerkins of Blue Goose, as well as Charlie Lucas of Consolidated and Researcher Dr. Ron Brlansky.


 **Citrus Industry Magazine** has provided two useful interviews that are available online. Hear UF Plant Pathologist, Ron Brlansky explain why nutrients help with HLB at [http://southeastagnet.com/2011/09/06/florida-citrus-scientist-may-know-why](http://southeastagnet.com/2011/09/06/florida-citrus-scientist-may-know-why-nutrients-help-with-hlb/)

[-nutrients-help-with-hlb/](http://southeastagnet.com/2011/09/07/some-facts-florida-citrus-growers-should-know-about-bmps/). Those who comply with citrus best management practices (BMPs) would be interested in listening to Bill Bartnick of the Florida Dept. of Agriculture at <http://southeastagnet.com/2011/09/07/some-facts-florida-citrus-growers-should-know-about-bmps/>.


 Commissioner Putnam is accepting nominations for the **2011 Woman of the Year in Agriculture**. Nominations must be submitted by November 15. Visit <http://www.florida-agriculture.com/pubs/pubform/pdf/01597.pdf> for a nomination form.

 **Syngenta Crop Protection** is initiating its efforts in recruiting five **interns** for the 2012 summer, beginning May 14. Two of the five interns will be hired in Highlands, Hardee & Desoto Counties. If interested in the opportunity contact Cody Hoffman at [cody.hoffman@syngenta.com](mailto:cody.hoffman@syngenta.com).

 Governor Rick Scott has appointed **Randall S. (Randy) Maggard to the Pasco County seat on the Southwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board**. Maggard of Zephyrhills has been the vice president of Sonny's Discount Appliances Inc. since 1981. From 2004 to 2010 he served as a member of the Coastal Rivers Basin Board, including serving as vice chairman. Mr. Maggard succeeds Ronald E. Oakley for a term beginning October 19, 2011 and ending March 1, 2015.

 November 13 at 4 p.m. Sarasota Co. members can attend **"Meet and Greet"** at the Venice Community Center. This will be the first opportunity for the public to meet the Candidates for the new county administrator position. Each candidate will be given 5-7 minutes to talk about their experience followed by a 45 minute question and answer session

which Mr. Maxwell will facilitate. Candidates and the public will then have approximately an hour to socialize.

 The following reports are available, courtesy of the Florida Department of Citrus:


⇒ OJ Imports: <http://www.fdocgrower.com/economics/economic-research/imports-us-oj/>


⇒ GJ Imports: <http://www.fdocgrower.com/economics/economic-research/imports-us-gj/>


⇒ Citrus Exports: <http://www.fdocgrower.com/economics/economic-research/exports-us-citrus/>

⇒ October Florida Citrus Economic & Market Indicators: <https://www.box.net/shared/h5abfayfd23y75yxmm20>

⇒ 2011-2012 Florida Citrus Outlook: <https://www.box.net/shared/rlmn3bg0grc19kkvllf1>

 A **student video essay competition** is open to Florida high school seniors on the theme "What Florida's Horticulture Means to Me." The deadline to submit is March 1. For an application and rules visit [www.fshs.org](http://www.fshs.org).

 Florida Citrus Mutual is holding a **reception in supports of state Rep. Denise Grimsley** who will run for Florida Senate District 17 next year. It will be held November 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Crews Homestead Ranch Lodge in Avon Park. RSVP to Jewel Letchworth at (863) 682-1111 or [jewell@flicitrusmutual.com](mailto:jewell@flicitrusmutual.com). The suggested donation is \$100/individual.

 PowerPoint's from the Citrus Research & Education Center's **International Citrus Economics Conference** are now on the web. Visit <http://www.crec.ifas.ufl.edu/extension/economics/icec2011/index.shtml> to view them.

## 2011 PRVCGA Associate Members

<b>Aglime Sales, Inc.</b>	<b>Farkas Citrus Nursery</b>	<b>Martin Realty Fla, Inc.</b>
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<b>CF Industries</b>	<b>G.P. Solutions</b>	<b>Southeast AgNet/Citrus Industry</b>
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<b>Custom Harvest Insurance LTD.</b>	<b>Hackney, Ames &amp; Heitman P.A.</b>	<b>SunTrust Bank</b>
<b>Cutrale Citrus Juices USA, Inc.</b>	<b>Hardee County Farm Bureau</b>	<b>Suntrust Investment Services, Inc.</b>
<b>David Cannon Well Drilling</b>	<b>Heller Bros. Packing Corp.</b>	<b>Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc.</b>
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<b>Everglades Harvesting &amp; Hauling</b>	<b>Lykes Insurance, Inc.</b>	<b>Yara North America, LTD.</b>
	<b>Maassen Oil Company, Inc.</b>	

# Estimate Breakfast Highlights



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## Educational Opportunities

### WPS Train-The-Trainer

This class will be offered in Manatee County on an as needed basis. Please call Crystal if interested at (941) 722-4524. A class has been scheduled for Dec. 7 at the Manatee Co. Extension office from 9-11 a.m. For other WPS workshops visit: [www.flaes.org/upcomingmeeting/sandworkshops.html](http://www.flaes.org/upcomingmeeting/sandworkshops.html).



### Variety Displays

NVDMC-IFAS Variety Displays have been scheduled for 10:00 a.m. at the Lake Alfred Citrus Research & Education Center December 13 and February 20, and at the Indian River Citrus Research and Education Center January 23.



### Citrus Research Field Day

A Citrus Research Field Day will be held November 15 to highlight citrus rootstock evaluation and advanced citrus production systems. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at the Citrus Research and Education Center in Lake Alfred with buses departing promptly at 8:15 a.m. Preregistration is required prior to November 10 and limited to the first 200 participants. Lunch will be provided. Contact Steve Futch at (863) 956-1151 for more information or a registration form.



### CEU Opportunities

CEUs are offered consistently courtesy of Florida Grower Magazine, Citrus Industry Magazine and UF/IFAS. If you are interested in obtaining CEUs the following sites can be used:



- ◆ Florida Grower Magazine: <http://www.growingproduce.com/florida-grower/>
- ◆ Citrus Industry Magazine: <http://www.citrusindustry.net/>
- ◆ UF/IFAS: [http://citrusagents.ifas.ufl.edu/Citrus\\_Agents\\_Home\\_Page/Citrus\\_Agents\\_Home.html](http://citrusagents.ifas.ufl.edu/Citrus_Agents_Home_Page/Citrus_Agents_Home.html)

### Labor Classes

Farm Labor Contractor Core (FLC) training will be offered in Arcadia November 9 and 10. Sessions will begin at 8 AM and conclude at 5 PM each day. Additional sessions will be in Belle Glade (Dec. 14-15), and Immokalee (Nov. 16-17). Cost is \$100 and is open to anyone who supervises farm workers, or who is responsible for maintaining compliance with respect to farm labor regulations. The training will be provided in English and Spanish, simultaneously. To register contact Marcela Rice at 239-658-3400 or [mlrice@ufl.edu](mailto:mlrice@ufl.edu).



### CCA Training

There will be a Certified Crop Advisor Seminar November 10 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. courtesy of South Florida community College. The class will take place on the Avon Park campus. Registration is mandatory by November 8. To receive a registration form, contact Lorrie Key at (863) 784-7033.



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An additional \$5 million of research funding will be released by the USDA soon. However, the money will fund only one project. IFAS is working to put together a competitive group project that will be a collaborative effort with other citrus states. It is hoped this collaborative effort between the states will assure the funds are disbursed to the CRDF. The board approved \$25,000 to pay for expenses in completion of the proposal and engaging a professional grant writer.

The commercialization committee will meet November 4 to further the registration of hopeful field application of Imidacloprid and RANi.

The next meeting of the CRDF will be December 6. During that meeting a presentation will be given by the University of Florida Foundation.

## Members In the News



*The Moyes attending the "Fall Back to Nature" event hosted by Wildlife Refuge.*

*The Herald Advocate*

*Dr. Barbara Carlton featured in the Central Florida Agri-Leader for writing a book on her husbands family.*



**CHMA Reports**

*The cycle 4 psyllid count data ending Oct. 23 is now on [www.flchma.org](http://www.flchma.org).*

*Note, on the data spreadsheet for the individual blocks, the CHMA designation column has been added.*

*If you have questions, contact Greg Carlton at (863) 298-7777.*

# Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association

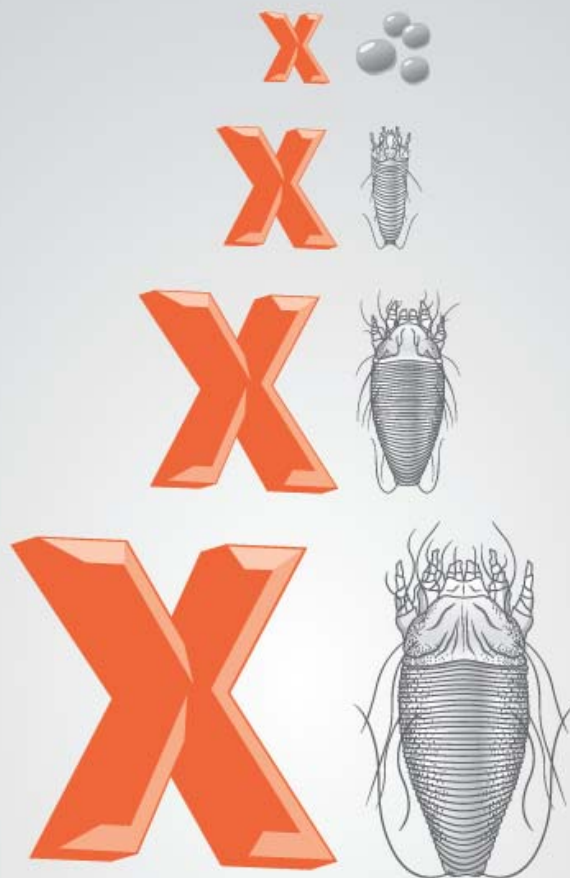
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