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Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association

Growers Provide Research Direction



When the Citrus Research and Development Foundation's (CRDF) Research Management Committee asked for grower input regarding research priorities, growers responded in droves. Their desire—more production oriented research.

Approximately 75 people attended the all day meeting, to provide input to the committee who were struggling with the proper balance and/or direction of research. The focus has been on an answer for HLB, but now in year three, with many facets of

research being pursued and funding growing, the proper path is questioned.

The scientific community is focused on a cure for greening. Growers have expectations of shorter term production information, which could produce equipment, products or strategies to help them deal with greening today. Some question if a cure will ever be found, believing rather the key is learning to manage HLB.

After comments from growers, it is clear many growers, underscored by

See "Research Direction"

Crop Estimate Breakfasts Scheduled

PRVCGA growers will gather in Arcadia and Wauchula for the USDA's crop estimate October 12.

The annual PRVCGA estimate breakfast will begin at 8 a.m., allowing growers to visit before the announcement at 8:30 a.m. To hear the official numbers, all are invited to visit either of the following breakfasts:

⇒The Elks Lodge, 1028 W. Oak Street, Arcadia. Sponsored by DeSoto

Insurance & Morgan Stanley Smith Barney-Dick Johnson

⇒Joe L. Davis' Barn, CR 636 East, Wauchula. Sponsored by Joe L. Davis Real Estate.

The breakfasts will be catered by the Arcadia Elks Lodge & Green Acres 4-H Club, respectively.

Guesstimate prizes will be provided by Yara North America and Keyplex.



2010 DeSoto Estimate Breakfast



2010 Hardee Estimate Breakfast

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Points of Interest:

- Estimate Breakfast Scheduled*
- Farm Worker Housing Underway*
- SWFWMD Executive Director Hired*

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FDOC Update

The summer has been extremely busy at the Florida Department of Citrus as a new Florida Citrus Commission took the helm. As always, new leadership has created changes, challenging the status quo of former commissions.

The pressing project of the new Commission is reviewing the Citrus Laws, Florida Statutes, Chapter 601. In an effort to avoid unwanted attention, the citrus laws have seldom had updates since their inception. After significant changes were made by the Legislature during the 2011 Session, without industry input, the opportunity arose to address these changes as an industry, as well as make other needed changes. Changes could range from simple housekeeping items to major philosophical changes in the historical operation of the Florida Department of Citrus.

Most industry groups have submitted their recommendations. Legal counsel for the Department is reviewing these recommendations, organizing, them to remove duplications and studying 601

for additional housekeeping changes. The 601 committee will then proceed to determine their recommendation for the final package, which will be sent to the 2012 Legislature.

PRVCGA's Board of Directors reviewed the citrus laws and determined their recommendations to the 601 committee. They are listed on Page 3.

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PRVCGA Board Member & Citrus Commissioner V.C. Hollingsworth's comments:

As your local Florida Citrus Commissioner please know I am interested in your thoughts and input on all subjects. My desire in accepting this appointment is to represent the growers of the area to the best of my ability. It is critical you provide me with your feedback so I am confident I have heard from the growers I represent and am not just another person on a board putting forth their own opinion. Please send me your comments, thoughts and opinions at any time by email: vcthrree@hotmail.com.

During the August FCC meeting, we approved a contract with Agri-Source dealing with registration of the abscission chemical with the Environmental Protection Agency. There were concerns regarding this contract to include a higher consulting fee for Agri-Source than is normally paid to other vendors. The specialized nature of the negotiations and the support demonstrated by the Harvesting Advisory Council, made it a difficult choice.

Research Direction cont.

growers from PRVCGA's area, believe a balance of research is needed. Expectations are for immediate usable information quickly as well as long term answers. The question remaining in their minds is whether those answers are a cure or the ultimate management recommendation for living with HLB profitably.

The result of the meeting added \$315,000 of additional funding for nutritional research. It is hoped these programs will help growers maintain a productive grove and reduce production costs by determining the key elements returning the tree to a more healthy stance. Another answer being sought is why the phloem is being repaired by these nutritional cocktails.

PRVCGA growers were transported to the meeting by Yara North America, who sponsored the cost of a bus. We appreciate their generous support of our local growers and the association.

In other CRDF news, the second annual unqualified audit is complete. The results were positive. Only one item was noted. Due to the payment process between the Foundation, researchers and the Florida Department of Citrus, a large amount of cash can sit idle between the entities books. Staff is working to reduce the lag time and the amount.

A request for research proposals was sent September 1, which is the first phase of the research process for the coming year. The funding requests will be due October 1. They will be screened, and then some of them will

be asked to submit a more detailed proposal. Final funding awards for the new projects will be announced sometime in February.

Citrus Industry Magazine interviewed Ken Sanders, PRVCGA Board Member, at the meeting for his opinion of the direction of the entity. The interview can be heard at <http://southeastagnet.com/2011/08/24/citrus-growers-focus-on-short-term-hlb>



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The board also noted there are many antiquated portions of 601, which outline the regulations for processors and fresh fruit packing. The board did not take a position on these regulations, rather recommended someone who is more familiar with these procedures review them with the caveat that the wholesome quality of Florida citrus juices or citrus products not be jeopardized.

The August meeting of the Florida Citrus Commission highlighted two major points of interest. An Executive Director will be sought by a national firm. The commission instructed staff to publish a request for proposal for a company who can handle this process for the Commission. The desired traits to fill this position were discussed and a sound knowledge of marketing was top of the list. This is to be combined with administrative skills. A committee was formed to finalize a job description and desirable skills to be used by the search company selected.

The abscission process will resume, as the contract dispute between the FDOC and Agri-Source, the consultant working with EPA, has been resolved. The FCC approved a new contract with Agri-Source. The contract addresses work completed in 2010/11 by Agri-Source, as well as future management fees and expenses. The contract extends five years or until commercialization of an abscission product. It is hoped this action will result in registration of a product that will drastically reduce the cost of manual and mechanical harvesting.

The following FDOC reports are available:

OJ & GJ Imports, & Citrus Exports: <http://www.fdocgrower.com/economics/economic-research/imports-us-oj/>

Economic & Market Indicators: <https://www.box.net/shared/kl3nu44lp9u822afefm>

PRVCGA Recommendations to 601 Committee

601.02 (5) Keep the focus as stated, both marketing & research. While the group leans to marketing, they would like to maintain the flexibility of the Department in the field of research.

601.04-1(a) Change the categories from “Grower/Shipper” and “Grower/Processor”, to state “Shipper” and “Processor” making it clear what facet of the industry is being represented by the individual. The individual’s interest should be consistent with the legislated requirements as delineated in this chapter. This should be handled in a non-compete manner.

601.04-2(a) Stagger the terms of the Florida Citrus Commissioners to provide some continuity as terms expire, as well as some political diversity.

601.04-2(b) The Gubernatorial appointment process should be revisited. More grower input could be obtained in a model such as has been noted by Citrus Grower Associates where the state’s grower association’s (state and regional) put forth individuals who are ultimately reviewed and gubernatorial appointments chosen from the nominees of the associations.

601.10-(3) The executive director should be hired by the Florida Citrus Commission. The requirements for term limits and Senate confirmation should be removed.

601.15-2(b) There should be further discussion/study in this process or by the Florida Citrus Commission regarding Florida juice identification.

601.152 The board of PRVCGA would like to see movement in resolving the “free rider” issue. There have been a multitude of proposals over the years, with no one proposal ever being tried. The issue is serious and of high economic importance. Therefore, PRVCGA would like to see forward movement in an effort to financially minimize the problem.

Florida Citrus Commission Committees 2011-2012

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Legal/Government/Regulatory
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Chair V.C. Hollingsworth

Rubio Interested in Labor Situation



PRVCGA President Justin Sorrells recently met with Senator Marco Rubio's staff to discuss citrus labor. Specifically, the Sorrells family is Florida citrus' experts in the H2A federal guest worker program. After using the program for some 20 years, the company is well

equipped to discuss the benefits and drawbacks of the program.

The largest benefit touted by growers who utilize the program is the peace of mind which comes from a knowledgeable and steady workforce. Of course, the program is known for its expensive and cumbersome requirements, which serve as a disadvantage to growers who are

assuring their work force has a legal status.

Representatives from Orange-Co and Fernando Cisneros of Mighty Mole Harvesting also met with Senator's staff on the subject.

The need for increased federal support for citrus research funding was also discussed during the hour long meeting.

DeSoto County Plans Ag Fest

Organization of the DeSoto County Ag Fest continues as sponsors and vendors are sought to inform and draw people to DeSoto County. The 2011 Ag Fest will be held November 18 and 19 at the Turner Agri-Civic Center in Arcadia. The event will sponsor give-a-ways, contests and a banquet.

If you or your company are interested in being a vendor at the event, contact Jodi Sullivan, Event Coordinator, at (8 6 3) 9 9 3 - 4 8 0 7 o r jsullivan@turnercenter.com.

If you are interested in sponsoring the



event, sponsorship package details

can be obtained by contacting Jodi. Levels of sponsorship are listed below.

- ◆ Copper: \$100
- ◆ Bronze: \$500
- ◆ Silver: \$1000
- ◆ Gold: \$3000
- ◆ Platinum: \$5000

Nominations are now being accepted for the "Young Farmer of the Year" and "Pioneer Farmer of the Year" who will be recognized at the Ag Fest Banquet on November 18. Nominees must be from DeSoto County. For nomination forms or further information contact Jodi Sullivan.

Regional CHMA Update

Progress continues towards establishing Citrus Health Management



Areas (CHMA) in our region. Both Hardee and Desoto County have established CHMAs and growers in Manatee and Sarasota County are reviewing maps to determine their desired CHMAs.

Hardee County started the process and is now active with regular meetings. The most activity this month has been in DeSoto County where captains/co-captains have been assigned. They are as follows:

Northeast DeSoto CHMA

Jerry Newlin JNewlin@orangecofla.com
& Buddy Strickland
bstrickland@orangecofla.com

Northwest DeSoto CHMA –
Justin Sorrells jsorrells8@gmail.com
Southeast DeSoto CHMA –
Brian Beswick
bbeswick@bluegoosegrowers.com

Hardee and DeSoto County will target psyllid populations using an organophosphate type of insecticide. Hardee will spray in October, DeSoto will spray in November. Sprays should be coordinated within a 2 week window when possible. Contact your area captain for more in precise timing information. Some growers in Hardee County are choosing to use

Delegate for the October spray to address leaf miner control as well.

Types of organophosphate materials for psyllid control include: chlopyrifos, diamethoate, malathion, and phosmet. Note labels for application as well as pre harvest interval requirements.

Information about all CHMAs statewide can be found at the IFAS 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.

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. For other WPS workshops visit: <http://www.flaes.org/upcomingmeetingsandworkshops.html>

New Series of Ag Classes

Polk State Corporate College Agriculture Business & Technology Institute is offering a new series of programs and classes revolving around agriculture safety and security. A list of all the classes being offered can be viewed at <http://www.corporatepsc.com/>.



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/floridagrower/>
- ♦ Citrus Industry Magazine: <http://www.citrusindustry.net/>
- ♦ UF / IFAS : http://citrusagents.ifas.ufl.edu/Citrus_Agents_Home_Page/Citrus_Agents_Home.html

I-9 Webinar Available

The I-9 Basics webinar that included necessary info on completing I-9 forms and mistakes to avoid to reduce your chances of audit, is now on demand. View it at www.growingproduce.com/gptv/?vid=292.

CREC Ag Classes

The Citrus Research & Education Center in Lake Alfred will be offering two classes, Advanced Citricultural I and Citricultural II, this coming Fall and Spring respectively. Students can participate onsite in Lake Alfred or at UF Distance



Education locations via interactive Internet Video-Audio Conferencing. For more info and registration details, contact Dr. L. Gene Albrigo at (863) 956-1151 or Albrigo@ufl.edu.

Variety Displays

NVDMC-IFAS Variety Displays have been scheduled for 10:00 a.m. at the Lake Alfred Citrus Research & Education Center November 2, December 13 and February 20, and at the Indian River Citrus Research and Education Center January 23.

Farm Continuance Assistant

The Legacy Program continues to help farmers, ranchers and other types of agriculturalists prepare for generational changes. Statistics show each time agricultural operations change hands through the generations strength is lost. To help navigate this complicated process, Farm Journal is sponsoring the project providing a host of tools for agriculturalist to use. Visit the website where you can watch training, print resource kits and find other helpful items. <http://www.agweb.com/legacyproject/>

SFCC Continuing Education

South Florida Community College is offering classes for local businesses and individuals. CPR, Workplace Spanish, and workplace soft skills are a few scheduled. For information contact Lorrie Key at CorporateTraining@southflorida.edu or at (863) 784-7033. To view the schedule visit www.southflorida.edu and click Class Schedules.



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 (Sept. 21-22 and Dec. 14-15), and Immokalee (Oct. 5-6 and 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 at mlrice@ufl.edu.

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.



Pesticide License Review & Testing

A three-hour pesticide license review and testing class will be held on October 27 at the Hardee County Extension Office. The review session will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at noon with the test being given at 1:00 p.m. Registration is \$38 for those who currently have a pesticide license and are renewing CEU's. To attend the class for only CEU's the cost is \$5. Call (863) 773-2164 to register. Pre-registration is requested prior to October 20.





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Board Meeting

September 20, 9 a.m.

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Technology Inc.	Louis Dreyfus Citrus	Wells Fargo
Everglades Harvesting & Hauling	Lykes Insurance, Inc.	Yara North America, LTD.
	Maassen Oil Company, Inc.	

Farm Worker Housing Soon to be Underway

After seven long years of waiting and working with state and federal governments, Catholic Charities announced receipt of the final approval for Casa San Juan Bosco. USDA and Florida Housing Finance Corporation gave the go ahead for 53, three and four bedroom, two bath homes, a community center and playground area to be located at 2316



Trudy and Gene Turner pose with Congressman and Mrs. Andy Ireland during the Ground Blessing in 2006.

Hillsborough Avenue, Arcadia. Final signing of closing documents will be September 15.

The \$10 million project will be a regional home for our agricultural workforce. The project will focus on providing a family atmosphere for farm worker families, offer educational opportunities and much more.

Chemical Use Survey



The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will collect information on pesticides used, acres treated and rates applied to more than 20 fruit crops with citrus being the only targeted commodity in Florida.

The biennial Fruit Chemical Use Survey will contact approximately 500 growers to arrange in-person interviews to complete the survey starting October 1, 2011. Growers benefit from providing this

information because it is used to re-register products for their use, to illustrate the industry's environmental practices and to assure the quality of U.S. food to consumers here and around the world.

"Because this survey is the only publicly available source of pesticide use data, participation in this survey is vital," said Jeff Geuder, director of the NASS Florida Field Office. "The Fruit Chemical Use Survey gives the citrus growers the opportunity to demonstrate how they use agricultural chemicals responsibly to produce a

safe, abundant, and high quality food supply."

To safeguard all individual responses, NASS will publish only aggregate data, ensuring the confidentiality of all individual respondents. To see all previous pesticide and fertilizer reports go to [http://www.nass.usda.gov/SurveysGuide to NASS Surveys/Chemical Use/index.asp](http://www.nass.usda.gov/SurveysGuide%20to%20NASS%20Surveys/Chemical%20Use/index.asp). For more information regarding publications or the upcoming Fruit Chemical Use Survey contact the NASS FL Field office at 1-800-344-6277.

SWFWMD Executive Director Hired

The Southwest Florida Water Management District's Governing Board chose Blake C. Guillory to serve as executive director.

Guillory replaces David L. Moore, who resigned on May 26. District General Counsel, William Bilenky, has been serving as interim executive director.

"This was a unanimous choice by the Board. Blake is the right person at the right time for this District and the water resources," said Governing Board Chair H. Paul Senft, Jr. "His extensive experience in the private sector and the contacts he has throughout the state and the nation will serve the District well."

Guillory, a resident of Jupiter, Fla., is vice president and Florida area manager at Brown and Caldwell, a



Guillory meets with PRVCGA growers to learn more about local issues.

consulting firm that provides water supply, wastewater, stormwater, infrastructure, solid waste, construction management, business consulting, and environmental sciences expertise to public and private clients. Before joining Brown and Caldwell, Guillory was with PBS&J, now Atkins North America, where he was vice president and

senior division manager for the firm's Southeast water resources division.

Guillory holds a bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering from Texas A&M University and master's degrees in civil engineering and business administration from the University of South Florida. He graduated from LaGrange High School in Lake Charles, La. He is a professional engineer and a diplomate of water resources engineering.

Guillory is the past president and a current board member of the Florida Stormwater Association. He is also a member of the Florida Engineering Society, Florida Water Environment Association, American Water Works Association, American Water Resources Association and the American Society of Civil Engineers.

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Citrus Expo Highlights

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2011 Citrus Expo

Focusing on the theme “Proactive Innovations for a Positive Future”, the 2011 Citrus Expo drew growers statewide.

Seminars featured topics ranging from research funding, citrus health management areas, H2A labor issues and HLB offering growers significant amounts of information. Presentations will be posted to the

Citrus Expo website at www.citrusexpo.net soon for viewing.

Thank you to all who came and visited the PRVCGA booth. We always enjoy every opportunity to interact with our members.

Mark your calendars now for the next Citrus Expo. It is scheduled for August 15-16, 2012.



People, Places, & Things

Recently released, *private crop estimates* can be read at <http://www.theledger.com/article/20110815/NEWS/110819666/1178?Title=Citrus-Forecasters-Predict-Another-Good-Year>.

Citrus Industry E-News has provided an interview done by USDA scientist, Wayne Hunter, describing *RNA interference*, a tool that has potential for genetically controlling psyllid. Listen to the interview online at southeastagnet.com/2011/05/13/citrus-researcher-tells-how-rnai-will-work-on-psyllids/.

Charlotte County Commissioner Tricia Duffy is asking for help from Charlotte grove owners to *help reduce local government bureaucracy*. Duplicative or onerous regulations are requested immediately. During their Agriculture & Natural Resource Advisory Committee Meeting, the following topics were noted.

- ♦ Annual county Health Department inspection of portable water sources.
- ♦ Reducing annual fuel tank inspection for individuals or companies with good records.

Contact Commissioner Duffy at (941) 743-1300 with your ideas.

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

At the 2011 Florida Citrus Show, Arnold Schumann, UF/IFAS, presented findings on the promising potential of using *advanced production systems for new plantings*. See Schumann discuss the main points of his presentation at www.growingproduce.com/gptv/?vid=269.

Citrus Industry Magazine has provided an interview discussing the progress of UF researcher, Bob Rouse's experiments he's doing to find *possible ways to deal with HLB*. Listen to the interview at <http://southeastagnet.com/2011/07/13/florida-citrus-scientist-describes-hlb-related-experiments/>.

If you have *not been paid for fruit proceeds* as contracted, contact Jim Ellis at the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, (863) 297-3902. Jim can provide you with paperwork to file a complaint against the buyer. Complaints must be filed by May 1, 2012. Should you receive your payment, the complaint can be dropped. Proceeds of the bond will be divided amongst the filing growers. Check with your attorney prior to filing to determine your best legal options.

Registration is open for the *2011 Ag Expo*. It will be held November 9 at the Gulf Coast Research and Education Center. To register go to: <http://www.floridaagexpo.com/register>.

Those who are concerned with the proper *protocols for flying a flag on September 11* should visit www.gettysburgflag.com/flyflaghalfmast.php for information.

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.

Syngenta Crop Protection has finalized the Best Use Guidelines for Agri-Mek SC for citrus. Contact the office for a copy.

Water Quality Alert

The Southwest Florida Water Management District will be contacting growers in the Sell/Prairie/Joshua and Horse Creek watershed in an effort to reduce conductivity. In 2010, samples were taken in 130 locations. Nineteen sites exceeded specific conductance criteria (900 uS/cm), 10 of those locations being in the SPJC watershed.

A list has been compiled of all the Water Use Permits upstream of each of these sites, district staff will be reaching out to these permit holders in the coming months to discuss the potential for FARMS projects, as well as the possibility of backplugging.

With two years remaining in the 10 year Reasonable Assurance Plan, there is much work to be done. Please assist where possible.

Members In the News



Cole Brewer was honored in the "Young Farmer & Rancher" article in the August, In the Field Magazine.

Brian Burns, National Ritual Chairman from the Arcadia Elks Lodge, was noted attending the Elk's National Convention in Phoenix in the DeSoto Sun.



Buck Toole was honored in the August 11 Herald Advocate for his 86th Birthday.

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