



Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association

Grower Round Table Meetings Scheduled

PRVCGA will hold Grower Round Table Meetings June 2-4 throughout the region. The theme of the meetings will be grower coordination of psyllid control.

Wauchula growers will meet June 2 at Bobby Krause's barn, 2503 Ralph Johns Road. Lunch will be provided by Krause Groves Service.

Manatee and Sarasota growers will meet at Bob Davidson's lake, 555 Verna Rd, Sarasota, June 3.

Charlotte and DeSoto growers will meet June 4 at the Turner Exposition Hall, 2250 East Roan Street. Lunch is provided by GOWAN for the Manasota and DeSoto Charlotte meetings.

All meetings will begin at 11 a.m. Dr. Michael Rogers will be our featured speaker. We will also have equipment present and county wide maps for coordination efforts.

Most growers are actively addressing psyllid populations as a part of

their HLB control program. Coordination of psyllid control by neighbors has proven to effectively reduce populations and in some case reduce grower costs. Concerns regarding psyllid becoming product resistance further supports the coordination of growers in timing of control efforts and in product use.

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Buchanan Meets with Growers

PRVCGA growers met with Congressman Vern Buchanan recently to update him on the citrus industry. Buchanan has been a solid supporter of the Florida citrus industry and never fails to check in with PRVCGA when he is in town or news reports show there is a citrus concern.

Attending the Saturday morning meeting were PRVCGA president Justin Sorrells, PRVCGA board member Rowdy Bateman, members Jim Brewer, Steve Johnson, Cary Mercer, Steve Sorrells,

Farm Credit's Greg Carlton and PRVCGA Executive Director Barbara Carlton. Items discussed include the need for research funding and Citrus Health Response Program funding and the H2A guest worker program. We expressed gratitude for the Congressman's help with other Florida Delegation Members and asked for continued pressure on EPA regarding Numeric

Nutrient Criteria.

Congressman Buchanan openly speaks in favor of less governmental regulation and is supportive of small businesses. Both of these positions were supported by area citrus growers and part of their closing comments.



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Hardee Career Day

On April 23rd, Hardee Senior High conducted their Annual Career Day and PRVCGA was in attendance.

High school students of all ages, including upcoming freshmen from Hardee Junior High, were besieged from every front with options for their



future. PRVCGA was there to educate these future leaders about the varied

opportunities awaiting them in the citrus industry.

Science and research were the themes of our day. With Florida citrus being a \$9.29 billion economic contributor, there are many avenues to explore in this evolving industry. The urgent needs for disease control and genetic research have revealed exciting opportunities.

In addition to a candid conversation about the bright future involved with citrus, these young adults left the PRVCGA table with citrus-flavored candy and a trinket to remind them of

what they had learned. All in all, the day was a huge success.



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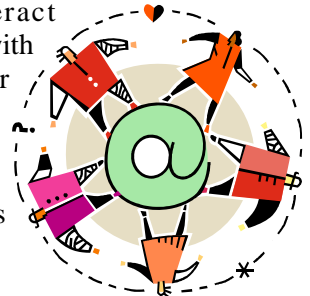
In an effort to spread the good news about Florida Citrus to the masses, PRVCGA has joined Facebook.

Fan us today for recipes, trivia and links to information in

support of our industry. Type in 'Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association' and become a fan today. Don't forget to tell your friends and family about us as well!

Facebook and PRVCGA are a perfect fit, allowing us reach part of the population unaware of agriculture, citrus or their many contributions to

societies well being. We can't wait to interact more with our members and meet lots of citrus friends!



Foundation Negotiates IP & Royalties



The research agreement outlining royalties and intellectual properties between the University of Florida Board of Trustees and the Citrus Research &

Development Foundation has been negotiated and a draft agreement prepared. PRVCGA has recently obtained the agreement outlining terms at the request of your board of directors.

Following are notable points of the agreement:

- ◆ All rights and title are the UF's discovered using Foundation funds.
- ◆ UF has the right to file for patent or intellectual property protection.

◆ Plant germplasm and cultivars not protected under utility patents will be managed and released according to the Florida Foundation Seed Producers, Inc.—a UF IFAS entity.

◆ The Foundation shall help UF find commercial partners. UF will not offer those commercial partners anything more favorable than they offer the Foundation.

◆ If UF chooses not to bring IP to a practical purpose, the Foundation can apply "March-in-Rights" paying UF a \$10,000 fee, reimbursing them for expenses to date and paying for all future expenses.

◆ Royalties will be shared 30% to the Foundation and 70% to UF, unless March in Rights is exercised at

which point the percentages are reversed.

Growers interested in reading the document in its entirety may contact the association office for a copy. You may also contact the Foundation at 863-956-5894 for more details.

Foundation board meetings are now held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Lake Alfred Research & Education Center. Watch for other committee dates in the *Orange Door* or future editions of the *Citrus Grower*.

Monthly reports are now being published by the Foundation as an insert in Florida Citrus Mutual's *Triangle* or in coverage by Southeast AgNet.



Peace Talks Tour

Thirty Five Charlotte County residents visited Joshua Citrus as participants in the "Peace Talks" watershed tour. This is an annual tour organized by the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center sponsored by the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

The purpose of the tour is to teach urban residents accustomed to the coastal watershed about activities in the upland portion of the watershed. Since citrus is a large industry within



the interior, it is important for urbanites to become more knowledgeable about citrus

production. PRVCGA helps assure participants are well informed through an informational presentation and a visit into production operations.

Two hours spent at Joshua Citrus allowed individuals to see and learn about citrus production, industry water usage and water saving projects, as well as industry topics of interest such as labor, government regulation, environmental requirements, citrus by-products and other issues.

The Shelfer family (Kevin, Lynn Olivia and Caleb) were the perfect hosts providing juice and fruit snacks. They also opened their packing house to guests. Goodie bags with fruit, trinkets and industry brochures provided by Joshua Citrus and the Florida

Department of Citrus made memorable gifts.



Visitors enjoyed learning about citrus production and the many facets of the citrus industry.



CAC Visits Board

Duke Chadwell, manager of the Citrus Administrative Committee (CAC) visited PRVCGA's April Board of Directors. Chadwell provided an update of CAC activities.

The CAC is a federal committee of the United States Department of Agriculture overseeing the federal marketing order that sets minimum sizes and grades of fresh Florida citrus. Committee representatives are divided into districts and serve designated terms.

Mark Manuel has served as the Peace River representative of this committee for many years and is ready to step down. The board was asked to recommend another nominee to represent fresh growers in our area. Lynn Shelfer was the unanimous choice. An election will be held within the District, but details have not yet been announced. We will provide a meeting notification when it is available. Once elected by area growers, Lynn must be confirmed by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Chadwell also provided an update on the Grower Tree Run Certificate Pro-

gram. This program was created after PRVCGA petitioned the CAC for changes in fresh citrus shipment regulations, which prevented growers from moving or personally marketing their fruit past the Suwannee River. Local growers took exception to these regulations and asked PRVCGA to seek changes.

In the board meeting, Chadwell recounted the programs successes praising the association for it farsightedness. "It was the right thing to do." stated Chadwell in his comments. There are 160 approved growers, 20 moving fruit this season. Growers vary in size and will move approximately 25,000 boxes of fruit for the 2009/2010 season. This volume is reduced because of the freeze.

Florida growers are moving fruit as far as Canada through the program for a variety of uses from fund raising activities for church groups to fresh squeezed juice. Local growers

Lynn and Kevin Shelfer have also participated in this program, confirming Lynn as a great choice to serve as a representative for local growers.

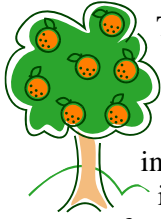
If you are interested in learning more about the about the Grower Tree Run Certificate Program contact Duke Chadwell at (863) 682-3103.

PRVCGA would like to thank Mark Manual for his many years of service on the CAC committee on our members behalf and Lynn Shelfer for agreeing to be our new representative. Volunteers are difficult to find and are a valued asset to our association and its members.

CAC manager, Duke Chadwell visits with the PRVCGA board of directors at their April meeting.



IFAS Grower Institute Provides Hope and Information



The 2010 Grower Institute hosted by IFAS left most growers feeling optimistic about the future of the Florida citrus industry. It is impossible to provide a narrative of all the information shared, so we thought it would be interesting to ask members share their thoughts from the meeting. The following are a few of those interesting observations.

“Genetics are long term. I’m looking for a way to survive now. I continue to question the ability of resets to survive and reach a production level that produces a positive net income. It is important we have results from the research effort to keep groves alive until a more permanent answer can be found. At the moment it appears the nutritional program is showing the most promise.”

-Hugh Taylor

“There seems to be good progress in the research and encouraging confirmations, some of the industries current practices or theories are working. The morning session provided information to growers in the dilemma of what they should do in their groves today. It was good to hear Dr. Rogers presentation showing Imidacloprid is not only killing psyllid but it also appears to keep them from feeding, lessening the possibility of spread.”

-Lindsay Raley

“I need management help today. Tom Turpin’s report on coordination of citrus management areas is something we can do now to help ourselves. The industry can’t continue with today’s psyllid control practices indefinitely into the future. The cost is prohibitive and other concerns are quickly arising from these practices. Cooperative and regional efforts are ways to improve the statewide situation now.”

-Steve Farr



“I thought the presentation by Dr. Setamou was outstanding. His research on the effect of light on psyllid could help us initiate the parameter and end sprays first. I’m interested in learning more about this research. It also appears nutritional work completed by Rouse and Stansly is being successful keeping trees alive for a longer period of time. The treated trees appear healthier than the control trees. It appears the industry is also beginning to see the importance of area wide management programs. If there is anything we have learned from Canker and Greening, there is a window of opportunity to learn and respond to new diseases. I hope with Black Spot we are responding on the front end rather than after it is a problem.”

-Bryan Belcher

“To me, Dr. Rouse’s presentation showing pictures of the trees before and after using a nutritional program is undeniable. It is even promising for bringing young trees to maturity. I am questioning the results we can use in the field for what is being spent.”

-Mac Turner

“I see the importance of all growers controlling psyllid and removing trees, if economically feasible. Better information about the psyllid is bringing about more precise spray timing and chemistry. We, as growers, need to continue to work together to be as effective as possible in controlling cost and killing psyllid. This may be one of the most important things that we can do in our battle against “Greening”.

-Mike Prescott



“Genetics won’t be the answer for my generation. I’ll continue with nutritional efforts in hopes of keeping my grove producing long enough for a better answer to be discovered. I am resetting trees, but not to the degree I normally would. I’ll be monitoring the resets for health and longevity.”

-Larry Betts

“The meeting was very informative, especially the presentations regarding nutritional programs. The new genetic varieties look promising for the future.”

-Steve John

“It was very interesting to hear what other citrus producing areas in the world are doing to combat greening. It is obvious the growers in Florida have learned more about HLB in the past year than the rest of the world has come to understand in the history of the disease. This raises confidence in being able to sustain the Florida citrus industry for future generations.”

-David Owens

“It was an encouraging day. We are on the verge of something positive happening as a result of the increased research effort. Some of the researchers will now speak to the fact we can learn to live with Greening. Since the mid 60’s the research process has been slow and sluggish, we are changing the process. It is good to see the research community embracing nutritional therapy. I have and will continue to remove non-producing trees. Lengthening the productive life of trees will help us find a way to survive.”

-John Roy Gough

“The Southern Gardens data seems to be right about it taking 2 1/2 to 3 years to start reducing the number of infected trees and psyllid populations to a manageable control. I found hope in Tim Span’s presentation. He is monitoring fruit yield and quality in the Boyd grove using 10 PRC confirmed Greening infected trees and 10 PRC negative trees. I find it encouraging the Boyd grove has 10 trees that aren’t infected.”

-David Kemeny



The Cost of NNC to Agriculture



Opposition to the EPA's Numeric Nutrient Criteria (NNC) continues to grow. As experts continue to study the proposed criteria, more concern

is being generated regarding the haphazard manner criteria is being set. Critics call the methodology unscientific, unfounded and incorrect.

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) released an economic study completed with IFAS outlining the impact of NNC for agricultural. The report states EPA grossly underestimated the cost to agriculture at \$34.8 million annually along with an initial capital investment of \$112.9 million. According to the report, the initial costs to implement additional Best Management Practices or

possibly on-farm water treatment facilities will range from \$855 million to \$3.06 billion. In addition recurring annual costs will total \$271-974 million. This translates to \$700-800 per acre setup and \$200 per acre to maintain.

Lost annual revenues from unproductive land is estimated at \$631 million. The economic ripple effect on related goods and services will total \$1.15 billion a year; and 14,545 jobs are expected to be lost.

In addition to underestimating economic impacts, the EPA had predicted that only 45% of agricultural lands statewide (6.13 million acres) would be affected by its regulations. The DACS/IFAS study sets this figure at more than double that acreage; 13.6 million acres in agricultural production would be affected.

Legislative budget language directs FDEP to adopt new use classifications or sub-classifications for state waters, particularly including manmade lakes, canals or ditches and streams converted to canals prior to 1975. The reclassifications should recognize the limited aquatic life support and habitat based on physical and hydrologic characteristics and water management uses of these constructed water bodies.

A 51 page response to EPA by Dr. Roger Bachmann, Research Professor of Limnology, UF's School of Forrest Resources and Conservation further supports opposition to the criteria. In the comments, Dr. Bachmann outlines the reasons the EPA's criteria is not scientifically defensible. To view this and other supporting documentation, contact the association office.



The Farm Journal Legacy Project is hoping to provide agricultural families resources to cultivate multigenerational success. Through televised and printed news media, and internet resources, Legacy Project is providing agricultural families with information on business continuity, estate planning, leadership development and financial security.

The Legacy Project is a catalyst to simplify the complex task of succession planning. Farm Journal Media has committed its expertise to help farmers secure the legacy of this generation and generations to come. For the next decade, the Farm Journal Legacy Project will generate awareness, practical tools and sound advice to formalize effective succession plans. The program is

designed to provide easy steps for completion of this daunting process starting at how to call a family meeting to discuss everyone's vision and hopes for the family operation.

Programs are already being televised on RFD TV. Four past episodes can be viewed on the web at <http://www.agweb.com/legacyproject/> or are available through YouTube.com. Type 'Legacy Project' in the search box and it will link you to numerous episodes. There are nine more to be televised in upcoming months.

The Legacy Project site also contains case studies, event schedules and other information sources.

There are several PRVCGA associate members who can help you plan your families legacy. A well thought out

plan will include estate, tax, and insurance planning. If you are interested in a list of PRVCGA associate members who can help you with these services, call the association office. The first step is you and your family determining what outcome you would like to accomplish.

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New Federal Truck Safety Program



The United States Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

(FMCSA) is initiating a new safety program to augment the currently used "Safestat" motor carrier measurement system. The new program, Comprehensive Safety Analysis 2010 (CSA 2010) is meant to identify high risk motor carriers, improve large truck and bus safety and ultimately reduce commercial motor vehicle (CMV) related crashes, injuries and fatalities.

It introduces a new enforcement and compliance model that allows FMCSA and its State partners to have a nationwide system for monitoring carriers and drivers. This rating will be available to law enforcement

during inspection. Carriers will have access to driver information during the pre-employment screening program.

CSA 2010 will evaluate the safety of individual motor carriers by considering all safety-based roadside inspection violations, not just out-of-service violations, as well as State-reported crashes, using 24 months of performance data. The program will assess each carrier's safety performance in each of the Behavior Analysis and Safety Improvement Categories (BASICS): Unsafe Driving, Fatigued Driving, Driver Fitness, Controlled Substances/Alcohol, Vehicle Maintenance, Cargo-Related, and Crash Indicator.

CSA calculates a measure for each BASIC by combining the time and severity weighted violations/crashes

(more recent violations are weighted more heavily) normalized by exposure (e.g. number of power units or number of relevant inspections).

Under CSA 2010, FMCSA will not rate or determine the safety fitness of individual CMV drivers beyond what is currently defined in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. However, this does not preclude FMCSA from developing a driver rating or safety fitness determination process at some time in the future.

For more information on CSA 2010, go to <http://csa2010.fmcsa.dot.gov/>. The web site provides facts sheets, opportunity for newsletters, and driver education power point presentations for download.



2010 Florida Legislative Session Need to Knows



Florida's 2010 Legislative Session ended as scheduled April 30. Although the balancing of the budget was the key activity of the session, there are some notable items agriculturalist should know. Many of the items mentioned are awaiting the Governor's signature. With the Governor's recent decision to run as an independent for the U.S. Senate Seat, tensions continue to accelerate between him and republican legislators. This political tension could impact the ultimate outcome.

Rep. Grimsley's House version of the greenbelt law (HB 981) was ultimately passed. The bill clarifies land assessed as bona fide agriculture may not be denied the greenbelt assessment simply because it has been of-

fered for sale. Also, structures or improvements used in horticultural production consistent with Best Management Practices will also be assessed as greenbelt properties. A FDACS priority, dealing with aquatic weed control and the application of pesticides is addressed. This was also the vehicle for the Citrus Research and Development Foundation's organizational structure.

The Omnibus Ag Bill prohibits local governments from imposing storm water management fees on agricultural lands already addressing storm water impacts through Best Management Practices (BMPs). Local governments can assess ag properties for storm water ordinances, if they provide a credit system to recognize the investment in BMPs. One unique aspect requires developer applicants to acknowledge, by signature, they are going to develop property adjacent to

agricultural properties. Farm fences are exempted from the Florida Building Code; non-residential farm buildings are exempted from local government codes and fees. The bill also addresses what constitutes a "farm tractor," tropical foliage and crop insurance.

Water continues to be a key issue of the Florida Legislature. Water legislation passed supports the state's Total Maximum Daily Loads program as the best process for setting numeric criteria. This is based on belief the EPA's proposal is flawed as it does not take into consideration the great diversity and variability of Florida's water, and it will cause severe economic impacts to the state and its businesses and industry.



Vote No on Amendment 4 in November



The following article was written by Ryan Houck, Executive Director of the Vote No on Amendment 4 Campaign. The Vote No Campaign is formally known as Floridians for Smarter Growth.

This November, voters will be faced with a number of tough decisions at the ballot box. Fortunately, one of the most important decisions should also be the easiest. Amendment 4, a “Vote on Everything” proposal, would kill jobs, raise taxes, and lead to endless litigation at taxpayer expense.

Amendment 4 has been referred to as a ‘stimulus package for special interest lawyers’. And for good reason; this proposal would add costly new layers of bureaucratic red-tape to an already complicated planning process. It would be virtually impossible to condense thousands of pages of technical planning data into the 75 word ballot summaries that are required by law. Inevitably, disagreements – and lawsuits – would ensue. Amendment 4 encourages the special interests that lose at the ballot box to take their case to court, at

taxpayer expense.

That is exactly what happened to the small town of St. Pete Beach, which implemented a local version of Amendment 4 in 2006. The measure has decimated their economy and created chaos at the polls. To date, the citizens of St. Pete Beach have seen nearly a dozen lawsuits that have cost local taxpayers more than three-quarters of a million dollars in legal fees. When St. Pete Beach voters approved four pro-economy changes to their comprehensive plan in 2008, Amendment 4 lawyers sued to overturn the results of the election. Nearly two years later, the people of St. Pete Beach are still defending their vote in court. Ward Friszolowski, the former Mayor of St. Pete Beach wrote “Our experiment in Amendment 4 has turned St. Pete Beach into a battleground for special interests.” The same “copy and paste” lawsuits that plague St. Pete Beach would soon spread to every Florida town.

Moreover, under Amendment 4, residents most impacted by local planning decisions will lose influence in a process that inherently favors

deep-pocketed special interests. This measure would turn the growth management debate into a political

spectacle. Neighborhoods would lose representation in the public planning process, as communities across town make decisions about schools, hospitals, jails, and landfills in your backyard.

Worse still, Amendment 4 will introduce new delays into the planning process. This measure is so extreme that it does not even contain exceptions for vital community projects like hospitals, schools, police stations or fire trucks. Consequently, even important and uncontroversial community projects will likely experience paralyzing delays.

As Florida attempts to recover from this devastating recession, the last thing we need is Amendment 4, a proposal that would empower special interest lawyers to raid taxpayer’s pockets in order to finance special interest lawsuits. This November, VOTE NO on Amendment 4!



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“Texas AM put a gene in Tristeza virus, which is present in all Florida citrus trees. This gene in the phloem can be vaccine for Greening and Canker, effective for up to 10 years. The genetic engineering brings us closer to an ultimate answer. I came away very optimistic.” -Dr. Larry Garrett

“I learned the SAR treatments appear to be working to extend tree life. I also see clearly now I have to have a tree to get the fruit. Sunshine, water and fertilizer helps oranges grow, but only orange trees grow oranges. I now feel confident there will be a citrus industry in Florida. I will be utilizing high density planting methods, and making

sure all holes are filled. I question using dwarf varieties for this higher density when it is possible half the trees will not survive.” -Kenny Sanders

IFAS will publish the presentations from the Growers Institute in mid-May at the following address: http://citrusagents.ifas.ufl.edu/Citrus_Agents_Home_Page/Citrus_Agents_Home.html.

PRVCGA also has some of the presentations in audio format from the morning session. If you are interested in listening to the presentations, contact the office. Please note, the


quality of the recordings is not production quality, as they were meant for internal use.




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People, Places, & Things


 FAWN will host an irrigation school May 13 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Hillsborough Extension Service. Lunch is provided. Topics covered will include urban water use, estimating evapotranspiration (ET) rates and how ET affects plant water supply, using ET-based irrigation controllers, the FAWN Urban Irrigation Scheduler, agricultural irrigation, and citrus irrigation scheduling. The Hillsborough Extension Service is located at 5339 County Road 579 Seffner, FL, 33584. To register, contact Rick Lusher at 352-392-0429, or rlusher@ufl.edu.


 There will be **CORE and Private Applicator Training** May 27, at the Manatee Co. Extension Service, 1303 17th Street, West Palmetto, FL 34221. CORE Training will be from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. with Private Applicator Training from 10 a.m. to noon. These classes will prepare attendees to take Core and Private Applicator exams. CEUs are also available for those who already hold pesticide licenses. There is a \$10.00 registration fee. Please bring cash or make checks payable to *Manatee Friends of Extension*. For more information call Jennifer at (941) 722-4524 or jeglass@ufl.edu.


 Associate member **Johnson Harvesting** would like to remind growers in addition to providing harvesting services, they also are a full service citrus management company. They are happy to meet your needs from pulling vines to planting trees, from checking micro-jets to fertilizing young trees, from tractor work to providing year-round complete caretaking program with competitive rates. For more information, call Steve Johnson at (863) 781-0518.


 The University of Florida IFAS/ Hillsborough County Extension in cooperation with the Conservation Trust for Florida, Tampa Bay Conservancy and the Tampa Bay Watershed Forest Working Group is


offering an interactive seminar for landowners to learn practical steps for passing their land from one generation to the next. The first seminar, *Planning for the Future of Your Family's Land*, will be held May 11, 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., at the Hillsborough Community College Trinkle Center, Plant City, FL 33563. The cost is \$15 per person. Get more information or register online at <http://pfyfl.eventbrite.com/>.

 Monthly meetings of the Southwest Florida Water Management District **Governing Board** are "streamed" on the Internet as a live feed during the meeting and subsequently archived as video media files on the District's web site, www.WaterMatters.org.


 UF IFAS will be holding another *Florida Small Farms Alternative Enterprises Conference* July 31 and August 1, 2010. Exhibitors are currently being sought. Reserve space now at <http://smallfarms.ifas.ufl.edu>. Contact Susan Kelly with questions at (352) 793-2728 or email her at sakelly@ufl.edu.

 **Nielsen reports** for the week are available on the web at <http://www.fdocgrower.com/emr/nielsonsales.php> and <http://www.fdocgrower.com/emr/nielsonexecutive.php>.

 Be sure to grab a copy of the May 2010 *In The Field Magazine*. This month's Woman in Agriculture is PRVCGA's Executive Director, Barbara Carlton.

 USDA's **Food Safety** and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced it is seeking comment on proposed measures to enhance food safety. The proposed rule would implement a provision of the 2008 Farm Bill and is a priority for the Food Safety Working Group (FSWG). Comments regarding the adopted regulations must be received on or before May 24, 2010, through the Federal Rulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov, or by

mail to: Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 2-2127, George Washington Carver Center, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Mailstop 5474, Beltsville, MD 20705-5474. All submissions received through the Federal Rulemaking Portal or by mail must reference the Food Safety and Inspection Service and include the docket number "FSIS-2008-0025."

 As many of our members enjoy sports, own property or have other interest in the welfare of coastal areas, we are providing a link for public information situation reports for the **Gulf oil spill**. Speculation points to impacts moving closer to our shore due to Gulfstream currents and weather, as time passes. The link provides up to date information, health and environmental awareness, opportunities to volunteer should local help be needed and links to sign up for these updates to your computer. www.dep.state.fl.us/deepwaterhorizon



PRVCGA BOARD MEETING

**MAY 21
9:00 A.M.**

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Featuring
MIKE SPARKS
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NOTE:

Dan Gunter, Citrus Research & Development Foundation COO, has a conflict and will not appear as noticed. He will hopefully attend the June Mtg.

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