Purpose of the Institute
Citrus Greening or Huanglongbing (HLB) continues to impact all citrus production areas of Florida. The 2018 Florida Citrus Growers’ Institute is an opportunity for Florida citrus growers to come together to learn about effective management of HLB and other challenging diseases affecting the industry. Topics this year include citrus pathology, horticultural management of HLB, Asian citrus psyllid management, and the use of bactericides.

Continuing Education Units
Continuing Education Units (CEU’s) will be offered for holders of restricted use pesticide licenses (RUP) and certified crop advisors (CCA). CEU’s have been granted in the following categories: private applicator, agricultural tree crop and demonstration & research for RUP holders. CEU’s have been requested for CCA’s in the appropriate CEU categories.

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Program Agenda
Tuesday, April 3, 2018

8:00 AM - Registration

8:30 AM - Welcome and Introductions
Ms. Laurie Hurner, CES, Sebring, FL

8:45 AM - Review of CRDF Programs - Dr. Lisa Weaver
CRDF

Citrus Pathology
Moderator: Mr. Chris Oswalt, CES, Bartow, FL

9:05 AM - Citrus Compliance Agreements - Ms Callie Walker, FDACS/DPI

9:15 AM - Citrus Canker Control & Citrus Black Spot Update - Dr. Megan Dewdney, UF/IFAS CREC

9:45 AM - Update on Bactericide Effectiveness in the Battle Against HLB - Dr. Robert Shatters, USDA/ARS

10:15 AM - Break

Horticultural Management and Economics
Moderator: Dr. Steve Futch, CES, UF/IFAS CREC

10:30 AM - Net Present Value of New Citrus Plantings - Dr. Ariel Singerman, UF/IFAS CREC

11:00 AM - Alternatives to Rootstock Propagation by Seed - What can we Expect? - Dr. Ute Albrecht, UF/IFAS SWFREC

11:30 AM - Citrus Under Protective Screen Update with Post Hurricane Observations - Dr. Arnold Schumann, UF/IFAS CREC

12:00 PM - Lunch

1:00 PM - Effective Citrus Weed Management - Challenges and Opportunities - Dr. Ramdas Kanovetty, UF/IFAS SWFREC

Psyllid Management
Moderator: Dr. Mongi Zekri, CES, LaBelle, FL

1:30 PM - Insecticide Mode of Action Rotation for Psyllid Control in Florida - Dr. Lukasz Stelinski, UF/IFAS CREC

2:00 PM - Imidacloprid Alternatives for Growing Young Citrus Trees - Dr. Phil Stansly, UF/IFAS SWFREC

2:30 PM - Tamarixia Release Results - Dr. Robin Stuart, FDACS/DPI

3:00 PM - Adjourn

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