Purpose of the Institute
Citrus Greening or Huanglongbing (HLB) continues to impact all citrus production areas of Florida. The 2017 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 tree health, Asian citrus psyllid management, post bloom fruit drop, plant bactericides and food safety.

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 4, 2017

8:00 AM - Registration
8:30 AM - Welcome and Introductions
  Mr. Chris Oswalt, CES, Bartow, FL

Entomology and Plant Pathology
  Moderators: Ms. Laurie Hurner, CES, Sebring, FL,
              Dr. Juanita Popenoe, CES, Tavares, FL

8:45 AM - The Use of RNAi to Control Psyllids in Citrus - Dr. Bill Dawson, UF/IFAS CREC
9:15 AM - Distribution of Psyllids in Citrus Groves - Dr. Kirsten Pelz-Stelinski, UF/IFAS CREC
9:45 AM - What Have We Learned about the Bactericides Available for Use in Citrus - Dr. Stephanie Slinski, Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc., Lake Alfred, FL

10:15 AM - OJ Break - Sponsored by Florida Citrus Mutual

10:50 AM - Postbloom Fruit Drop Management - Dr. Megan Dewdney, UF/IFAS CREC

Food Safety Rule

11:00 AM - FSMA’s Produce Safety Rule and the Florida Citrus Grower - Mr. Travis Chapin, UF/IFAS CREC

Citrus Tree Health
  Moderators: Dr. Steve Futch, UF/IFAS CREC
              Dr. Mongi Zekri, CES, LaBelle, FL

11:30 AM - Citrus Root Health and HLB Management - Dr. Evan Johnson, UF/IFAS CREC

12:00 PM - Lunch

1:00 PM - Nematodes and Citrus Integrated Pest Management - Dr. Larry Duncan, UF/IFAS CREC
1:30 PM - Update on Irrigation and Nutrient Management Studies of HLB Affected Trees - Dr. Davie Kadyampakeni, UF/IFAS CREC
2:00 PM - Update on Citrus Nutritional Trials - Dr. Tripti Vashisth, UF/IFAS CREC
2:30 PM - Genome Editing Technology: What is CRISPR and What Will It Mean for Florida Citrus - Dr. Fred Gmitter, UF/IFAS CREC

3:00 PM - Adjourn

CES: County Extension Service
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