Welcome to SWFREC Update E-news! This newsletter is distributed biweekly and contains news about the center and its faculty and staff, program research updates, and upcoming events.

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Tribute to Dr. Phil Stansly:  Professor of Entomology Dr. Philip A. Stansly passed away September 12. Dr. Stansly served the agricultural industry as a member of the UF/IFAS SWFREC team for 32 years. Phil’s passing is a great loss to IFAS and the growers of southwest Florida. We at the center and those that worked with and respected Phil mourn his passing and offer our sincere condolences to his family. Dr. Stansly’s work included research and extension on integrated management of pests affecting major crops grown in southwest Florida—with an emphasis on citrus and vegetables. He was dubbed “Phil Stansly: Psyllid Slayer” on the cover of Citrus Industry magazine’s February 2017 issue, which featured a story about his work to combat Huanglongbing (citrus greening disease), which is vectored and transmitted by the Asian citrus psyllid. Numerous colleagues, graduate students, and growers are sending tribute and memory stories about Dr. Stansly to the SWFREC. You can find many of them here (and others will be added as they continue to pour in to us):  https://swfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/docs/pdf/main/DrStanslyTributes-Sept-2018.pdf
Citrus Research Featured: Citrus horticulturist Dr. Fernando Alferez is featured on the Citrus Industry web site this month for his project that utilizes mesh covering to protect young citrus trees from disease-carrying insects. To read the full article, click here: http://citrusindustry.net/2018/09/20/citrus-tree-covers-psyllids/

Graduate Student Award: Ph.D student Shirin Ghatrehsamani earned second place in the UF/IFAS Agricultural and Biological Engineering Department 3 Minute Thesis Contest in Gainesville this week. She also received $50 and will move on to compete in the university-wide contest in early October. She also recently passed her Ph.D qualifying exam. Shirin’s committee chair is Dr. Yiannis Ampatzidis. Congratulations, Shirin!
Citrus Industry Article: “How to Handle Glyphosate-related Fruit Drop” is an article in the September issue of Citrus Industry magazine written by three SWFREC faculty members: weed scientist Dr. Ramdas Kanissery, citrus horticulturist Dr. Fernando Alferez, and citrus pathologist Dr. Ozgur Batuman. To read the full article, click here: http://citrusindustry.net/2018/09/05/how-to-handle-glyphosate-related-fruit-drop/

Upcoming Events:

UF/IFAS Farm Labor Supervisor Training
October 9-10, 2018
UF/IFAS Highlands County Extension Office, Sebring
For detailed class schedule and to register, click here: https://swfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/programs/economics/fls/.

SWFREC Citrus Advisory Committee Meeting
October 12, 2018, 10:00am-1:00pm
SWFREC
To RSVP, contact Jennifer Derleth at 239-658-3400 or by email to jderleth@ufl.edu.

UF/IFAS Farm Labor Supervisor Training
October 23-24, 2018
UF/IFAS Gulf Coast Research and Education Center, Wimauma
For detailed class schedule and to register, click here: https://swfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/programs/economics/fls/.

SWFREC Open House
November 15, 2018, 10:00am-2:00pm
RSVP to reserve your spot!
YOU'RE INVITED
SWFREC OPEN HOUSE

NOVEMBER 15, 2018
Before the Bounty: The Science of Crop Production

You and your colleagues are cordially invited to the annual open house at the UF/IFAS Southwest Florida Research and Education Center (SWFREC).

Enjoy casual tours of our laboratories, guided tractor tours of our farm facilities, and educational science demonstrations.

Learn about research, extension, and other outreach activities that touch every community in southwest Florida.

Open House will take place between
10 a.m. & 2 p.m.
with lunch being served from
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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