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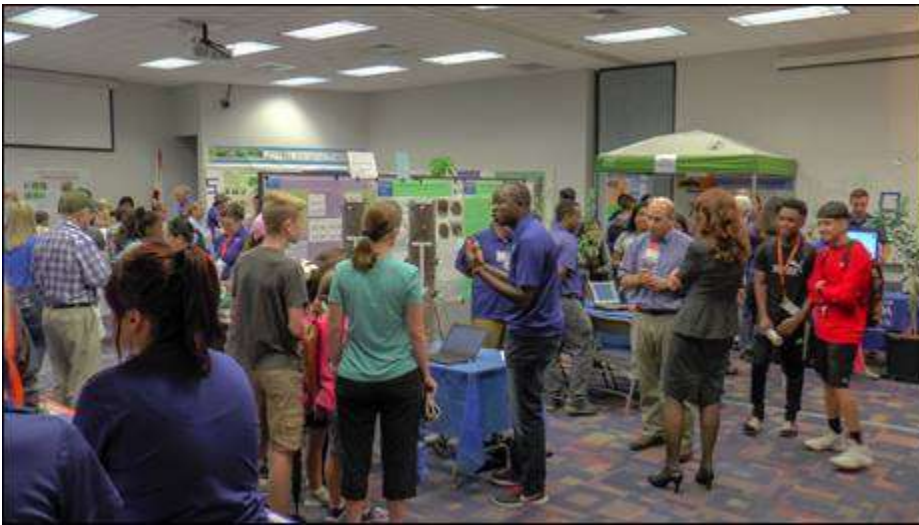
Welcome to SWFREC Update E-news! This newsletter is distributed biweekly and contains news about the center and its faculty and staff, program research updates, and upcoming events.

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Thank you, Open House Sponsors! About 300 people participated in the SWFREC Open House earlier this month. Attendees enjoyed casual tours of our laboratories, educational science demonstrations by program students and lab technicians, and narrated trolley tours of our vegetable fields and citrus grove. These generous sponsors helped to make the event a huge success: Everglades Equipment Group, Kennco Manufacturing, Farm Credit of Florida, Florida's Natural, Creel Tractor Company, Glade and Grove Supply Company, Wedgworth's, C&B Farms, Tellus, Florida Farm Bureau, Valent, and Chemical Dynamics. Thank you for your support!





Farm Labor Supervisor Training: Forty-plus ag supervisors participated in a two-day UF/IFAS Farm Labor Supervisor Training program this week at SWFREC. For many, the sessions marked the completion of the entire educational program and they earned the Certificate of Farm Labor Management. The event was led by Barb Hyman and Carlene Thissen in the SWFREC ag economics program.



Risks in Technology Adoption Field Day: About 30 growers and industry representatives participated in a field day this week called “Risks in Technology Adoption.” In-field presentations included “Enhancing Water Storage and Treatment Using Impoundments” (water resources engineer Dr. Sanjay Shukla), “Precision Farming Technologies and Smart Machinery/Agriculture” (precision ag engineer Dr. Yiannis Ampatzidis), “Crop Safe Weed Management in Vegetables” (weed scientist Dr. Ramdas Kanissery), and “Compact Bed Geometry for Fresh Produce” (Dr. Shukla).



Indoor presentations by SWFREC faculty and staff included: “SmartAg” (Dr. Ampatzidis), “Reducing Inputs and Risks with Compact Beds” (Dr. Shukla), “Crop Safe Weed Management in Vegetables” (Dr. Kanissery), “Managing Risks in Adopting Ag Methods and Practices” (ag and natural resource economist Dr. Tara Wade), and “Tomato Fertigation” (soil science PhD student Timothy Ayankojo). The event was organized by Dr. Wade and Shelly Goodwin.

Upcoming Events:

Citrus Squeezer: “Prepare Yourself and Your Grove from Freezing Weather”

December 4, 2018, 10:00am-1:00pm

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For agenda and registration information, click

here: https://swfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/docs/pdf/events-agendas/2018-12-04-Weather_Seminar-Agenda.pdf

Citrus Nutrition Day

December 11, 2018, 9:30am-3:00pm

UF/IFAS Polk County Extension, Bartow

SWFREC center director and soil scientist Dr. Kelly Morgan is among the speakers and will present "Effect of Soil pH on Tree Nutrient Status." For complete agenda and to register, click here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/citrus-nutrition-day-seminar-and-field-tour-tickets-51730868420>.

Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training

December 13, 2018, 8:00am-5:00pm

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For agenda and to register, click here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/produce-safety-alliance-grower-training-course-immokalee-registration-46997245025>.

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