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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.

**Web site:** <https://swfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/>

**Social media:**  

**Watermelon Meeting:** Forty-plus growers and other industry representatives participated in the UF/IFAS SWFREC Vegetable Growers Meeting last week. SWFREC vegetable pathologist Dr. Pam Roberts presented “Update on Foliar Disease Management on Watermelon: Gummy Stem Blight, Downy Mildew, Powdery Mildew.” Other presentations included “Update on Management of Fusarium Wilt on Watermelon” by Dr. Nick Dufault, UF/IFAS Plant Pathology Department, Gainesville, and “Breeding for Disease Management in Watermelon” by Dr. Geoffrey Meru, UF/IFAS Horticultural Sciences Department, Tropical Research and Education Center, Homestead.



## Upcoming Events:

**April 2, 2019, 8:00am-3:30pm**

**2019 Annual Florida Citrus Growers' Institute**

Avon Park Campus of South Florida Community College

To see the agenda and register, click here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-florida-citrus-growers-institute-registration-56334344541>.

**April 3, 2019, 9:00am-4:00pm**

**Remote Pilot Certificate Training**

UF/IFAS North Florida Research and Education Center, Quincy (same training session will be offered at SWFREC in the near future; details to come). In order to obtain a Remote Pilot Certificate from the FAA under the Small UAS (Part 107) rule, you must pass the initial aeronautical knowledge exam. This training will prepare you to pass this exam and obtain your certificate.

Registration information:

- UF Faculty and Staff Registration link  
(password: Gator2019): <https://bit.ly/2Moio3w>. No cost.
- Farmer or Commercial Operator Registration link: <https://bit.ly/2AVzy44>. Cost is \$75.

**April 4, 2019, 1:30pm-4:00pm**

**Agriculture Stakeholder Forum**

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FDOT District One and UF/IFAS are hosting a session to convey information on some of the latest efforts and policy implications in the transport of agricultural products. For agenda details and registration information, click here: [https://swfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/docs/pdf/events-agendas/201-04-04-Ag\\_stakeholder\\_forum.pdf](https://swfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/docs/pdf/events-agendas/201-04-04-Ag_stakeholder_forum.pdf).

**April 10, 2019, 7:45am-6:45pm**

**Certified Crop Advisor Workshop**

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For those who hold a Certified Crop Advisor license ONLY. Ten CEUs will be offered in nutrient and pest management. The second registration announcement has been emailed to CCAs. Three SWFREC faculty members will present: vegetable pathologist Dr. Pam Roberts, entomologist Dr. Jawwad Qureshi, and weed scientist Dr. Ramdas Kanissery.

**April 12, 2019, 10:00am-1:00pm**

**SWFREC Citrus Advisory Committee Meeting**

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To RSVP, please contact Jennifer at 239-658-3415 or [jderleth@ufl.edu](mailto:jderleth@ufl.edu).

**April 18, 2019, 9:00am-1:00pm**

**Spring Citrus Field Day**

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Eight SWFREC faculty members will present information about their citrus research. CEUs will be available. For more information and a detailed agenda, click here: <https://swfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/docs/pdf/events-agendas/2019-04-18-Spring-Citrus-Field-Day.pdf>. To RSVP, please contact Jennifer at 239-658-3415 or [jderleth@ufl.edu](mailto:jderleth@ufl.edu).

**April 23, 2019, 10:00am-1:00pm**

**SWFREC Foundation Board Meeting**

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To RSVP, please contact Jennifer at 239-658-3415 or [jderleth@ufl.edu](mailto:jderleth@ufl.edu).

**April 24, 2019, 9:00am-12:00pm**

**In-service Training: Plant Disease & Herbicide Phytotoxicity in Vegetables**

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Program will be presented by vegetable pathologist Dr. Pam Roberts and weed scientist Dr. Ramdas Kanissery and will be open to extension agents and growers. More information to come soon.

**April 25, 2019, 10:00am-1:00pm**

**Citrus Squeezer: Soil Microbes, Soil Amendments, and Biostimulants During the HLB ERA**

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Soil microbiologist Dr. Sarah Strauss will present “Examining the Interactions of Soil Microbes with Soil Amendments and Citrus Growth” and plant physiologist Dr. Ute Albrecht will present “Can Beneficial Microbes and Other Soil Amendments Improve Citrus Tree Health under HLB-endemic Conditions?” For more information, click

here: [https://swfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/docs/pdf/events-agendas/2019-04-25-Citrus\\_Seminar.pdf](https://swfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/docs/pdf/events-agendas/2019-04-25-Citrus_Seminar.pdf). To register, contact Dr. Mongi Zekri at 863-674-4092 or via email at [maz@ufl.edu](mailto:maz@ufl.edu).

**April 29-30, 2019**

**Packinghouse HACCP Workshop**

UF/IFAS Indian River Research and Education Center, Fort Pierce

SWFREC food scientist Matt Krug will be one of the program’s instructors.

For more information, please click here: [https://swfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/docs/pdf/events-agendas/2019-04-29-HACCP\\_Flyer.pdf](https://swfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/docs/pdf/events-agendas/2019-04-29-HACCP_Flyer.pdf).

**May 3 and 4, 2019, 7:30am-1:00pm**

**29<sup>th</sup> Annual UF/IFAS Farm Safety Day**

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Same program offered both days. For more information and registration details, click here: <https://swfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/docs/pdf/events-agendas/2019-05-03-04-FarmSafetyDay.pdf>. Session topics will be available soon.

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