

# In the News!



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## Welcome to SWFREC Update E-news!

This newsletter is distributed monthly and contains news about the center and its faculty and staff, program research updates, and upcoming events.

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### Spotlight on . . .

#### New Food Science Extension Agent Stephanie Brown



A huge Florida Gator welcome to Stephanie Brown, SWFREC's new state specialized extension agent in food science!

Actually...make that Dr. Stephanie Brown, as she successfully defended her Ph.D. two weeks after beginning her time at the center in early June.

[\(See more\)](#)

### Trade Journal Publication

- [Standing up against Hurricanes](#). June Citrus Industry magazine. SWFREC plant physiologist Dr. Ute Albrecht, former biological scientist Bo Meyering, and Ph.D. students Carol Tardivo and Gabriel Pugina are first-fourth authors.



### SWFREC in the News

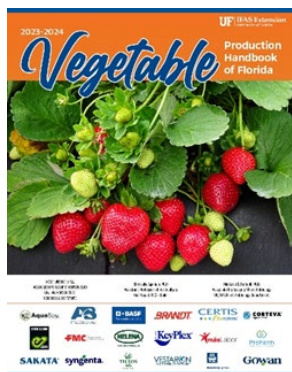
- [Gulf Citrus Grower Panel Discusses Trunk Injection](#), April Citrus Industry magazine, provides an overview of a grower panel hosted by SWFREC. Written by editor Frank Giles, the article recaps the discussion among citrus growers related to their experiences and results of using oxytetracycline injections to treat HLB trees. SWFREC plant physiologist Dr. Ute Albrecht moderated the panel discussion.



- [Enhance Pre-emergent Herbicide Performance](#) appears in “The Buzz” section of April’s Citrus Industry. Written by senior correspondent at large Ernie Neff, the blurb shares key facts when using pre-emergent herbicides from SWFREC weed scientist Dr. Ramdas Kanissery and biological scientist Robert Riefer. For more info on this research, click [here](#).
- [Where do Growers Stand with Trunk-injection Therapy?](#) The article written by editor Frank Giles appears in the May Citrus Industry magazine and features a Q and A with plant physiologist Dr. Ute Albrecht about early results from her oxytetracycline trunk-injection research trials.



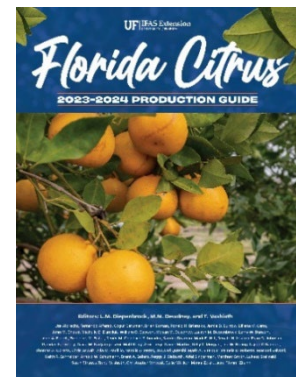
## Grower Handbooks Available



Two 2023-2024 grower publications are available online!

The **Vegetable Production Handbook** of Florida provides guidance on vegetable production and includes extensive pesticide tables for each type of crop covered. This link enables printable sections: [2023-2024 Vegetable Production Handbook | EDIS \(flvc.org\)](#). SWFREC authors featured in the book include weed scientist [Dr. Ramdas Kanissery](#), entomologist [Dr. Jawwad Qureshi](#), and vegetable pathologist [Dr. Pam Roberts](#).

The **Florida Citrus Production Guide** contains general pesticide information, horticultural practices, and chapters on mites/insects/nematodes, diseases, and weeds. The book is available with printable sections here: [Ask IFAS: Florida Citrus Production Guide \(ufl.edu\)](#). SWFREC authors featured in the book include plant physiologist [Dr. Ute Albrecht](#), citrus horticulturist [Dr. Fernando Alferez](#), citrus pathologist [Dr. Ozgur Batuman](#), weed scientist [Dr. Ramdas Kanissery](#), entomologist [Dr. Jawwad Qureshi](#), vegetable pathologist [Dr. Pam Roberts](#), and soil microbiologist [Dr. Sarah Strauss](#).



## Happy Independence Day!

In the spirit of celebrating our nation’s independence, UF has made the decision to close and cancel classes on Friday, July 5. On behalf of center director Dr. Mike Burton and SWFREC faculty, staff, and graduate students, enjoy and value our many freedoms this holiday!

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