



IFAS Sugar Belle®

- Specialty Fruit
- Honey Bell x Clementine
- Matures 4-6 wks earlier than Honeybell
- Wide production range
- Susceptible to seeding
- Horticultural plan can result in 2 seeds/ fruit
- Robust flavor
- Grower, Packer, Nursery agreements
- Good budwood supply
- Tree Fee Applies



UCR Tango

- Tangerine type
- · L-Seeded or SL W-Murcott
- Early Production
- Good Budwood supply
- Thanksgiving Mid Jan
- · Easy peel
- Grower, Packer, Nursery agreements
- Tree Fee Applies





IFAS Valquarius™

- True Valencia Orange
- · Matures in January
- · Equally productive
- Grower, Nursery Agreements
- Thorns are diminishing with mature budwood
- Available for trial or commercial
- · Tree fee applies





















The Current Challenge

- The IFAS citrus breeding program is productive
- Many promising selections have been identified
 - The fruit has promise, little else is known
- · More selections are coming
- Growers and packers don't want to wait on extensive traditional field trials
- Growers want to be involved in the evaluation process

FAST TRACK

- FFSP, IFAS, NVDMC
- A means of moving experimental fresh varieties to Florida growers for evaluation
- Florida growers participate in experimental trials and offer input on commercial decisions
- · Future rates are fixed
 - Encourage grower involvement
 - Generate revenue to the breeding program
- Reward growers for participating
 - Reduce future rates and head start
- Allow late adopters to participate
- Three-Tier system

Tier One The Trial Stage

The Program

- Statewide announcement of the opportunity
- All Florida growers invited to participate
- Growers sign up for experimental trials
- Enrollment period is 180 days, then closes.
- Sign Evaluation Agreement
- Fruit not for sale
- IFAS staff involved in process
- Formation of Grower Groups
- Utilize one nursery

The Rate

- \$50 participation fee per variety
- · Minimum of 5 trees
- · Maximum of 30 trees
- Cost of trees reimbursed by grower

Tier Two

The Program

- If grower evaluators identify a variety for commercialization
- Those in the Tier 1 grower group are eligible to plant commercially
- Favorable Rate
- Five year Head Start
- · Entry of more nurseries

The Rate

- \$1.70 per tree
- \$.20 retained by managing partner

Tier Three

The Program

- After head start, all others may enter
- · No growers are excluded
- Rates approximate commercial averages

The Rate

- \$2.75 per tree
- \$.25 retained by managing partner

Summary

- High volume of material at experimental stage
- FAST TRACK provides
 - Enhanced grower involvement
 - Faster movement to commercialization
 - Eliminate poor performing selections early
 - Real-world evaluation
 - No one excluded
 - Early adopters rewarded
 - Incentive pricing
 - Revenue to research sooner
 - Coordinated effort with industry, FFSP, IFAS

