



**62<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL  
CITRUS  
PACKINGHOUSE DAY  
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Thursday, August 24, 2023

## ***Packinghouse Day Coordinators:***

Mark Ritenour, Ph.D. – Program Coordinator  
Michelle Danyluk, Ph.D. – Local Arrangements  
Coordinators

### **8:30 AM Registration**

**9:30 AM**

### **Welcome and Housekeeping Items**

***Dr. Mark A. Ritenour***

Program Coordinator

UF/IFAS Indian River REC, Fort Pierce

### **Update USDA Programs Related to Fresh Citrus**

***Dr. Anne Plotto***

Program Coordinator

USDA ARS, Horticultural Research Laboratory, Fort Pierce

### **Moderator and Opening Remarks**

***Mr. Peter Chaires***

Executive Vice President

Florida Citrus Packers, Lakeland

# 2023 PROGRAM



10:00 AM Update on Trade Issues Related to Fresh Citrus - Dan Richey, Riverfront Groves, Inc., Gifford



10:05 AM Overview of Citrus Fruit Export Requirements - Paul A. Mears, Florida CHRP Coordinator, USDA APHIS PPQ



10:15 AM Citrus Under Protective Screen is a Profitable Solution for Fresh Market Citrus- Arnold Schumann, UF/IFAS Citrus REC, Lake Alfred



10:30 AM Injection of Oxytetracycline for HLB Management - Ute Albrecht, UF/IFAS Southwest Florida REC, Immokalee



10:45 AM Cold Hardy Citrus in North Florida: Current Status and Measures after Christmas Freeze 2022- Muhammad Adnan Shahid, Chief Science Officer with the International Fresh Produce Association

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11:15 AM Global Changes in Packaging Regulations and How they Impact Citrus Grower/ Shippers - Max Teplitski – Chief Science Officer, International Fresh Produce Association



11:15 AM Ag Labor Updates - Jamie Fussell, Jr., Director of Labor Relations, Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association



11:30 AM New Options for Decay Control of Fresh Citrus - Mark Ritenour, UF/IFAS Indian River REC, Ft. Pierce



11:45 A M J.T. Leslie Award Presentation

12:15 -  
1:15 PM



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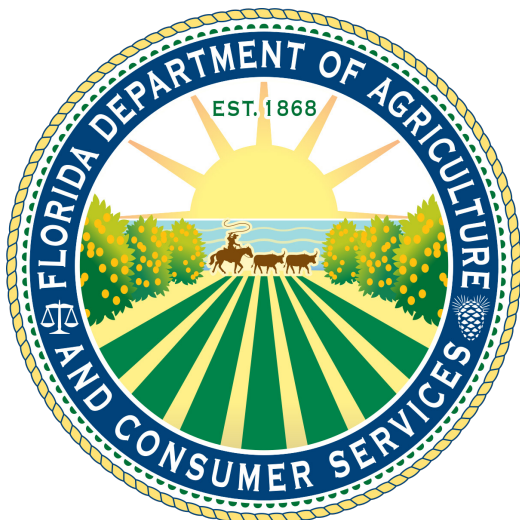
### ***Products***

Post-harvest chemicals, fruit coatings, edible coatings, fungicides, cleaners, sanitizers, organic fruit coatings.

### ***Representatives***

Kirk Mugler ([kirk.mugler@uniphos.com](mailto:kirk.mugler@uniphos.com)), Joe Krupa, and Steven Starr





## **Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services**

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### ***Products***

FDACS inspects all fresh tomato packinghouses and farms to ensure compliance with food safety regulations. We also inspect fresh produce not covered by regulation on a request basis in support of outside entities, export laws and commercial requirements. We license all citrus dealers, registrants and agents of licensed fruit dealers, packinghouses and processing plants.

### ***Representatives***

Peter McClure (Food Safety Audits); Scott McClure [(863) 578-1942, Food Safety Audits]



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### ***Products***

Postharvest fruit and vegetable coatings, cleaners and fungicides. Machinery and custom design metal fabrication. Procurement of replacement parts and brushes for citrus and vegetable packing houses.

### ***Representatives***

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### ***Representative***

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