54th Annual Citrus Packinghouse Day

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FORWARD

Welcome to the Fifty-fourth Annual Citrus Packinghouse Day! After spending last year in Ft. Pierce (IRREC), this year’s Packinghouse Day is again in Lake Alfred (CREC) tackling a host of timely issues of great importance to the industry. We start off spending an entire hour on the latest on the Preventative Controls and Produce Safety Rules, which Florida’s fresh citrus growers and shippers, UF, the FDA, and other fresh produce industries have been grappling with for several years. After a break (new this year), we will pick back up covering issues of HLB-related fruit premature fruit drop and its relationship to fresh citrus quality and flavor, work to find an alternative(s) to Citrus Red No. 2, and work to control the development of citrus black spot symptoms after harvest.

Don’t forget, representatives from a variety of companies will again be on hand to provide valuable information for your business. NEW THIS YEAR is a break during the morning that will include short presentations from our exhibitors to connect with participants. Be sure to visit their booths to check out what they have to offer. An exhibitor list is provided including the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and products sold. Special thanks goes to DECCO for their long-running financial support of the fantastic lunch at Packinghouse Day at CREC. Be sure to stop by their booth and give a hearty “Thank You.”

Finally, please complete and turn in an evaluation form as you go to lunch; they provide us with valuable feedback on how we can improve Packinghouse Day.

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8:30 AM  REGISTRATION

9:30 AM  WELCOME, HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS, & UPDATE ON STATE-WIDE CITRUS PROGRAMS

   Dr. Mark A. Ritenour, Program Coordinator

UPDATE ON USDA CITRUS PROGRAMS

   Dr. Elizabeth Baldwin, Research Leader/Horticulturist
   USDA, Horticultural Research Laboratory, Fort Pierce

MODERATOR & OPENING REMARKS

   Mr. Peter Chaires, Executive Vice President
   Florida Citrus Packers, Lakeland

All meetings will be held in the Ben Hill Griffin Jr. Auditorium

Packinghouse Day Coordinators:

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

10:00 AM  What to Expect in the Final Preventive Controls Rule and How Might it Affect the Citrus Industry? – Purnendu C. Vasavada, Coordinator of the Food Safety Preventive Controls Alliance and Professor Emeritus, University of Wisconsin, River Falls

10:30 AM  Are You Ready for Implementation of the US Produce Safety Rule? – Michelle Danyluk, UF/IFAS Citrus REC, Lake Alfred

10:45 AM  Break & Exhibitor Updates on Latest Products and Services

11:05 AM  Preharvest Fruit Drop and its Implications for Flavor of Oranges – Elizabeth Baldwin, US ARS Horticultural Research Laboratory, Fort Pierce


11:35 AM  The Effect of Fungicides, Essential Oils, and Heated Solutions on Citrus Black Spot Lesion Development After Harvest – Mark Ritenour, UF/IFAS Indian River REC, Fort, Pierce

11:50 AM  Presentation of the John T. Lesley Award - George Hamner, Florida Citrus Packers Association Board Member & Past President

12:00 to 1:00 PM - Lunch – Sponsored by DECCO
For copies of many of today’s presentations, visit the University of Florida Postharvest Programs and Information website at http://irrec.ifas.ufl.edu/postharvest/ and click on “Previous Events.”