50th Annual
Citrus Packinghouse Day

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Lake Alfred, FL 33850-2299

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FORWARD

Welcome to the Fiftieth Annual Citrus Packinghouse Day! Since 1961, when the event was inaugurated by Dr. Bill Grierson, Packinghouse Day has developed a long tradition of bringing timely information to the industry covering such diverse topics as new postharvest technologies, disease control, food safety, regulatory changes, methods to maximize fruit quality, and new fresh fruit cultivars. With the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) being signed into law on January 4, 2011, this year’s program will focus on Food Safety and Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) for fresh citrus. To address this important issue, with potential far-reaching economic and/or marketing impacts on our industry, representatives from the University of Florida, the Food and Drug Administration, the Florida Citrus Packers Association, and EUROFINS will present the latest updates and information. In addition, David Hall will kick off the day with a look back over 50 years of Packinghouse Day, and Jan Narciso will wrap things up presenting results from a new technology for postharvest disease control.

Representatives from a variety of companies will again be on hand to provide valuable information for your business. Be sure to check out what they have to offer. An exhibitor list is provided including the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and products sold. Be sure to stop by DECCO’s exhibitor booth to say thanks for their generous support for a fantastic lunch. Their support also made possible the Packinghouse Day 50th Anniversary commemorative fruit knives that will be give out to the first 150 people to register.

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

Mark A. Ritenour
Program Coordinator
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Thursday, August 25, 2011

8:30 AM REGISTRATION

9:30 AM WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

Dr. Mark A. Ritenour, Program Coordinator
Indian River Research and Education Center, Ft. Pierce

WELCOME AND UPDATE ON STATE-WIDE CITRUS PROGRAMS

Dr. Jackie Burns, Center Director
Citrus Research and Education Center, Lake Alfred

UPDATE ON USDA CITRUS PROGRAMS

Dr. Jan Narciso, Research Microbiologist
USDA, Citrus and Subtropical Products Research Lab, Winter Haven

MODERATOR

Mr. Richard Kinney, 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. and Jan Narciso, Ph.D. – Program Coordinators
Michelle Danyluk, Ph.D. – Local Arrangements Coordinator
MORNING SESSION

10:00 AM  Fifty Years of Packinghouse Day – David Hall, HDH Agri Products, LLC, Tavares

10:15 AM  An Update of Federal Produce Safety Activities – Mickey Parish, FDA Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, College Park, MD

10:45 AM  Harmonization of Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) – Martha Roberts, UF/IFAS, Tallahassee

11:00 AM  The Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) – Patricia Wester, EUROFINS, Jacksonville

11:15 AM  Development of Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) for Fresh Florida Citrus Producers – Peter Chaires, New Varieties Development and Management Corporation, Lakeland

11:30 AM  Panel Discussion on Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) – Mickey Parish, Peter Chaires, Martha Roberts, and Patricia Wester

11:45 AM  Package Inserts for Postharvest Disease and Canker Control – Jan Narciso, USDA/ARS, Fort Pierce

12:00 to 1:00 PM - Lunch – Sponsored by DECCO

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