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
Variety that will be commercial next week

US Early Pride
- Nearly Seedless Fallglo
- Approx same early maturity
- Avg 2 seeds
- Requires pollen source
- First patented USDA citrus variety
- Managed federally
- License pending
- Available now for early evaluation
- Commercial license soon

Private Selections
- W.G. Roe
  - Three new Specialty selections
  - Available to growers using the Noble Marketing Program
- BioGold
  - M-7 Early Navel
- Israeli Suite of Specialty Fruit Varieties
  - Contact information available

The Most Recent ITN

IFAS 5-1-99-5 Red Pummelo
- ITN in process
- Great flavor, color
- Thinner peel
- Tight seed pack
- Depending on licensing, may be available soon.
The next big step ... FAST TRACK

**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