Biography: Geovanne Stinghen, UF/IFAS Implementation Team Leader, Desoto County Extension Service

Geovanne Stinghen (Gio) was born in Brazil. After graduating from an agricultural high school in Mato Grosso, she received a full scholarship from Gerber Foundation to attend EARTH University in Costa Rica. EARTH University is a private, international, non-profit university dedicated to education in the agricultural sciences and natural resources in order to contribute to sustainable development in the tropics by seeking a balance between agricultural production and environmental preservation. She received her B.S. degree in Agronomy in 2000.

After graduating from EARTH University, she attended and received her M.S. degree in soil science from the University of Missouri in 2004.

Gio has resided in Florida for the past two years, where she worked at the IRREC (Indian River Research and Education Center) as a soil research project manager identifying soil characteristics that may impact the growth of citrus trees planted on different rootstocks.
Gio is currently located in Arcadia, where she has assumed the responsibilities associated with the implementation of citrus BMPs (Best Management Practices) in the Peace River and Manasota Basin (Desoto, Hardee, Manatee, Sarasota and the part of Charlotte County managed by the Peace River Water Management District). She is also responsible for implementing Gulf Citrus BMPs (Glades, Lee, Hendry, Collier and the other half of Charlotte County).

BMPs are shown to minimize adverse water quality and other environmental impacts of agricultural production. Besides signing up citrus groves and giving technical assistance to growers, Gio also helps growers apply to receive financial incentives from cost-share programs.

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