The University of Florida-IFAS Center for Organic Agriculture and Florida Organic Growers and Consumers, Inc. (FOG) will be holding a workshop and field day for organic producers on Wednesday September 20, 2006 at the PSREU in Citra, FL from 9 till 4:30. This event gives producers and other agriculture professionals a firsthand look at current research and demonstration projects in the 17 acre certified organic unit, as well as attend several breakout sessions related to organic fruit and vegetable production.

Attendees may choose to attend three of six topics, including:

- Organic Seeds: The Rule and Where to Get Them
- Preparing Organic Produce for Market: Food Safety and Guidelines for a Perfect Packout
- Organic Certification Process: How to Become Certified Under the USDA National Organic Program
- Organic Nutrient Management/BMP/Water Management: How to Supply Essential Nutrients to Your Organic Crops
- Organic Fruit and Vegetable Production: How to Grow the Most Profitable Organic Crops in Florida.

The field day will take place rain or shine. Registration starts promptly at 8:30 am. Lunch will be available. Funds are available to provide travel scholarships on a first come first serve basis. For registration, lunch, and scholarship information, please contact: Jennifer Taylor, Coordinator of FAMU Statewide Small Farms Program at Jennifer.Taylor@famu.edu Telephone (850) 412-5260.

For more field day information, contact your local county extension office; Danielle Treadwell, UF-IFAS Extension organic specialist at ddtreadw@ufl.edu Telephone: (352) 392-1928 #210; or Juan Rodriguez, FOG education specialist at education@foginfo.org Telephone: (352) 377-6345. Updated field day information, including pre-registration forms and a schedule of events, will be available at the following websites:

Florida Organic Growers: www.foginfo.org
UF-IFAS Small Farms: http://smallfarms.ifas.ufl.edu/
Danielle Treadwell’s Home Page: http://www.hos.ufl.edu/ddtweb/Treadwell/