The Wedgeworth Leadership Institute for Agriculture and Natural Resources Seminar will be held on August 4-21, 2006. For more information contact Hannah Carter at hscarter@ufl.edu.

Pesticide Use Education will be held on August 17, 2006 at the Lee County Extension Office. For more information contact Fitzroy Beckford at fbeckford@leegov.com.

Peanut Field Day: A Peanut Field Day will be held on August 24, 2006 at the Lee County Extension Office. For more information contact Barry Tillman at BTillman@ufl.edu.

Tomato Packinghouse Managers Workshop. Tuesday, September 5, 2006. 1:30 – 5:00 PM. Ritz- Carlton Hotel, Naples. This year's program will focus on postharvest sanitation methods. Contact: Steve Sargent (sasa@ufl.edu).

The 2006 Florida Tomato Institute Meeting will be held on September 6, 2006 at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Naples, FL. The Institute is being held in conjunction with the Florida Tomato Committee and Exchange meetings. The Institute is free; however, for registration information for the other meetings and for the hotel, participants need to contact Diana Hester at Diana@floridatomatoes.org. Click here for the program.

Organic Farming Workshop and Field Day: The University of Florida-IFAS Center for Organic Agriculture and Florida Organic Growers and Consumers, Inc. (FOG) will hold a workshop and field day for organic producers on September 20, 2006 at the PSREU in Citra, FL from 9 till 4:30. This event will give 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. For more information and the program information, click here.

International Citrus and Beverage Conference will be held at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort in Clearwater Beach, FL on September 19-22, 2006. For more information contact Renee Godrich at (863) 956-1151 Ext. 1258, Goodrich@ufl.edu or visit http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/citrus/index.html.

Fall Field Day: A Fall Field Day will be held on September 27, 2006 at the North Florida REC in Quincy, FL. For more information contact: Vicky Morris at VPMorris@mail.ifas.ufl.edu.

Vegetable Production for Homeowners and Smallscale Agri-Businesses will be held at the Lee County Extension Office on October 25, 2006. For more information contact: Fitzroy Beckford at fbeckford@leegov.com.
November 8, 2006 - Alternative Enterprises Workshops, North Florida REC - Suwannee Valley, Live Oak FL. Contact Laurie Osborne or Bob Hochmuth at (805) 482-9904 or visit http://nfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/comingevents.htm for further information.

Florida Agriculture Expo: The Florida Agriculture Expo will be held December 8-9 at the University of Florida Gulf Coast Research and Education Center in Balm. The event will include demonstrations, production seminars and a trade show. Growers will have the chance to learn about the latest studies, production trends and more. For more information contact Christine Colley at Ph #: 813 634-0000 Ext. 3101 or by email at ccooley@ufl.edu.

Mark your calendars! The “Vegetable breeding/seed industry in Florida” in-service training will be held on December 12-14, 2006 in LaBelle and South West Florida. For sign up, please visit the pdec web site at http://pdec.ifas.ufl.edu. Please note that the current status of this IST on the web site is still “postponed” as of today, but watch for updates as the IST has been officially approved. The current ID program is 26031. For more information, contact Gene McAvoy at gmcavoy@ufl.edu. The purpose of this in-service is to acquaint vegetable and agricultural agents and specialists with the seed industry in Florida. Focus will be on changes in the industry and goals and challenges faced by this industry.

The preliminary agenda is:

Dec 12, 2006
1 PM - Arrive LaBelle – welcome
1:30 PM - Visit to Seminis Seed Facility in Felda
3:30 PM - Presentations by Specialists and industry representatives including Tom Williams and others.
5:30 PM Dinner
6:30 PM – Presentations continued

Dec 13, 2006
8AM - Field Tour – All day with visits to Sakata Seed, Harris Moran, BHN, Rogers Seed.
5:30 PM Dinner
6:30 PM Commodity Focus Team Meeting

Dec. 14, 2006
9 AM - Visit to Echo – Germplasm and Seed Bank
11 AM – Program evaluation and return home

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