Vegetarian Newsletter

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**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 9:00AM till 4:30 PM. This event will give growers 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 Goodrich 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 Small-scale 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 opportunity to learn about the latest studies, production trends and more. For more information contact Christine Cooley 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](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](mailto: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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