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*** UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR ***

August 29, 2008 – Western Flower Thrips workshop – The UF/IFAS Southwest Florida Research and Education Center, Hwy 29 N, Immokalee, will hold a workshop to provide up-to-date information on western flower thrips which is an emerging pest on pepper and potentially other crops in South Florida. Speakers will include Dr. Joe Funderburke, Dr. Norm Leppla, Dr. Charles Mellinger, Dr. Phil Stansly and Mr. Tony Weiss who will present information on IPM programs for the management of western flower thrips, the role and use of insecticides in their successful management of western flower thrips and the need for vertical integration of management programs aimed at other pests. Lunch will be provided courtesy of Mr. Tony Weiss, Dow AgroScience. CEUs will be available. Please contact Gene McAvoy, UF/IFAS Hendry County Extension Office, at least 5 days prior to the program at (863) 674-4092.


- Tuesday, September 2 – Fourth Annual Florida Tomato Packinghouse Managers Workshop – Session 1: Food Safety Audit Training for Tomato Packinghouses (T-BMP), 1:30-5:30 PM
- Wednesday, September 3, Florida Tomato Institute, 9:00-3:30 PM (full program included under Featured Articles)
- Thursday, September 4 – Fourth Annual Florida Tomato Packinghouse Managers Workshop – Session 2: Food Safety Audit Training for Tomato Farms and Greenhouses (T-GAP), 1:30-5:30 PM

September 11, 2008 – Packinghouse Day - The Citrus Research and Education Center will hold the annual Packinghouse Day on September 11, 2008 in the Ben Hill Griffin, Jr. Citrus Hall. For more information, contact Dr. Mark Ritenour at Ritenour@ufl.edu.
**September 16, 2008 – Indian River Postharvest Workshop** - The Indian River Research & Education Center will hold a Postharvest workshop on September 16, 2008 at the Indian River Research and Education Center in Ft. Pierce. The program will include presentations on the latest updates on citrus canker, the development of new fresh citrus varieties, changes in the maximum residue limits for important export markets, practices to reduce peel breakdown on fresh grapefruit and more. For more information contact Dr. Mark Ritenour at 772-468-3922 Ext. 167 or visit [http://postharvest.ifas.ufl.edu](http://postharvest.ifas.ufl.edu).

**September 16-19, 2008 – International Citrus and Beverage Conference** - The International Citrus and Beverage Conference will be held September 16-19, 2008 at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort in Clearwater, FL. For More information contact R. Schneider at [Goodrich@ufl.edu](mailto:Goodrich@ufl.edu) or visit [http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/citrus/index.html](http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/citrus/index.html).

**September 25, 2008 – NFREC-Quincy, Fall Field Day and Open House** – The University of Florida/IFAS, North Florida Research and Education Center-Quincy will host its 2008 Fall Field Day on Thursday, September 25, 2008. Featured tours target the wildlife enthusiast; the tomato grower; fruit tree and berry crop devotees; and, bio-fuel aficionados. Pre-registration costs $10.00, will increase to $15.00 after September 19 (registration fee covers tours, breakout sessions, and lunch). To register, please call (850) 875-7100 ext 0. For more information please visit [http://nfrec.ifas.ufl.edu](http://nfrec.ifas.ufl.edu).

**November 5, 2008 – Florida Ag Expo** - The Florida Ag Expo will be held on Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at the UF/IFAS Gulf Coast Research and Education Center, Balm, Florida. This year’s highlights: Food Safety, Special Sessions on Vegetables, Strawberries, Blueberries, and Alternatives to Methyl Bromide. Website is currently under construction at [http://www.floridagrower.net/agexpo/](http://www.floridagrower.net/agexpo/).

**November 4-7, 2008 – 2nd International Symposium on Biological Control of Bacterial Plant Diseases** - The 2nd International Symposium on Biological Control of Bacterial Plant Diseases will be held on November 4-7, 2008 at the Grosvenor Resort in Orlando, FL. For more information, contact J. Jones at [jbjones@ufl.edu](mailto:jbjones@ufl.edu) or visit [http://grove.ufl.edu/~biocon/](http://grove.ufl.edu/~biocon/).

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