

Fall Blueberry Short Course

Tuesday, October 7, 2014

Hillsborough Community College – Plant City Campus

John R. Trinkle Center

1206 North Park Rd.

Plant City, FL 33563

9:00 a.m. Welcome – TBA

**Blueberry Fundamentals** – Updates on Timely Topics

9:15 a.m. Winter weed management – Dr. Peter Dittmar, Horticultural Sciences Department, IFAS, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.

9:35 a.m. Update on bud mites and other troublesome pests in 2014 – Dr. Oscar Liburd, Department of Entomology and Nematology, IFAS, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.

9:55 a.m. Recent observations on diseases in Florida blueberry fields – Dr. Phil Harmon, Department of Plant Pathology, IFAS, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.

10:15 a.m. Recap of the 2014 Florida blueberry season: what went right, what went wrong – Mr. Dudley Calfee, grower and FBGA president, Floral City, FL.

10:30 a.m. Break – Visit the Trade Show

11:00 a.m. The Blueberry Family Health Foundation – Ms. Kari Rosenfeld, executive director, Blueberry Family Health Foundation, Eugene, OR.

11:15 a.m. Review of hydrogen cyanamide practices in Florida blueberries – Dr. Jeff Williamson, Horticultural Sciences Dept., IFAS, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.

11:35 a.m. Update on blueberry cultivar performance in Florida - Dr. Jim Olmstead, Horticultural Sciences Department, IFAS, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.

11:55 a.m. Lunch – Visit the Trade Show

1:15 p.m. Review of the 2014 Florida Blueberry Festival – Ms. Michael Heard, Florida Blueberry Festival coordinator, Brooksville, Fla.

### **Best Management Practices**

1:30 p.m. BMP's and cost sharing opportunities for blueberry growers – Ms. Jemy Hinton, BMP Implementation Team, Hillsborough County.

1:50 p.m. The 4 R's for nutrient management practices – Mr. David Royal, nutrient stewardship director, The Nature Conservancy, Sebring, FL.

2: 20 p.m. Freeze protection practices for Florida blueberries – Mr. Gary England, Lake County Extension, Tavares, FL.

2:40 p.m. Adjourn