



BMP Mini-Grant Program

The recent Mini-Grant program has been successful in attracting applications. It received 22 proposals from agriculture agents. Those are now under review. Awardees will be announced soon. Stay tuned!

SB712 Information

Several presentations were coordinated by agriculture agents across Florida on SB 712. Those included Florida Department of Agriculture's Office of Agricultural Water Policy. The goal was to address questions and answers on SB 712 by growers. The need to conduct more nutrient studies was identified across Florida under different commodities. For more information on SB 712, Dr. Michael Dukes developed a Q and A document available at <http://blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/clue/2020/08/31/from-senate-bill-712-to-the-clean-waterways-act-and-agricultural-best-management-practices/>.

Tri-Society Meeting 2020

This year Tri-Societies (American Society of Agronomy, Soil Science Society of America, and Crop Science Society of America) meeting is happening virtually. This is an excellent chance for agriculture agents to attend it. More information is available here: <https://www.acsmeetings.org/>.



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Conservation Innovation Grant On-Farm Trial

The University of Florida received \$1.6 million to conduct on-farm studies with economic evaluation on "rapid, efficient, and near real-time method of estimating root zone soil moisture in vegetable farms." This award is shared between the University of Florida and the University of Georgia. More information is here: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/programs/financial/cig/?cid=nrcseprd1659835>

UF BMP Core Team Summit 2021



The UF BMP core team is working on Ag BMP Summit 2021. Several topics have been identified across Florida to address the need of different stakeholders. The topics will range from fertilizer use efficiency to soil health improvement ideas. A special session on SB 712 will also be organized to educate and create more awareness among stakeholders to understand the implication of SB 712 and the adoption of Ag BMPs. Please reach out to Dr. Lakesh Sharma at lakesh.sharma@ufl.edu for a potential topic that could be a part of BMP summit.

Growers Meetings Across Florida

Dr. Michael Dukes, Director, Center for Land Use Efficiency, and Dr. Lakesh Sharma, BMP Coordinator, are attending growers meetings to address BMP related questions and immediate needs to solve some issue in nutrient management. In a recent meeting, Dr. Lincoln Zotarelli presented nitrogen work in potatoes from the last ten years that could help to address some of the nitrogen management issues in potatoes in the Tri-County Area.



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