



## Citrus, Hernando, Pasco and Sumter Counties

### November 2009 Newsletter

#### The Next FNGLA Coastal Springs Meeting is Will be Held at Brite-Leaf Citrus Nursery

Please mark Tuesday, November 17, 2009 on your calendar as the date for the next chapter meeting being held at Brite-Leaf Citrus Nursery in Lake Panasoffkee. Nate and Anna Jameson, the owners and operators of Brite-Leaf, would like to welcome anyone interested in touring the nursery to arrive by 5 PM. **Please make note: In compliance with the Citrus Health Response Program (CHRP), anyone attending the program should please refrain from coming in contact with any citrus plant material before visiting the nursery. Also,**

**those planning on touring the production areas of the nursery should be aware that normal personal decontamination procedures outlined by CHRP will be followed.** Chapter meeting starts at 6:00.

Nate will be making an interesting presentation on how Brite-Leaf and other citrus nurseries have adapted in these days of citrus canker and greening. We will be collecting the normal \$10 donation to cover the meal and door prizes. Any door prize donations (**non-citrus or citrus relatives**) are appreciated.

**To assist in planning, please call (352) 793-2728 with the number attending by Friday, November 13, 2009**

#### Good Food and Interesting Information at the October FNGLA Coastal Springs Meeting

The chapter would like to thank Cornerstone Tree Farm DBA Champion Growers for providing a tasty meal and hosting the October meeting. We would also like to thank Officer Kenneth Chambers from DOT for an informative and potentially cost saving presentation on DOT Regulations and how they relate to nursery operations.

As usual there were many door prize winners as well as one lucky 50/50 recipient. It shows that extra tickets do pay off.



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**Winter Weather School Scheduled for Tuesday Afternoon, December 8, 2009**

The annual Winter Weather School will once again be held at the Pasco County Extension Office west of Dade City. The program will start out with a lunch sponsored by Helena Chemical Company and be highlighted by a presentation entitled **Frost Blankets and Water for Cold Protection** by Dr. Bob Stamps from the Mid-Florida Research and Education Center in Apopka.

Dr. Stamps will discuss the effects of various frost blankets and water application systems, used alone and together, for cold protecting various horticultural crops. Heavier crop covers and water application rates may not always provide better cold protection. On the other hand, neither system may be adequate during severe advective freezes. Get some ideas on what might work best for you.

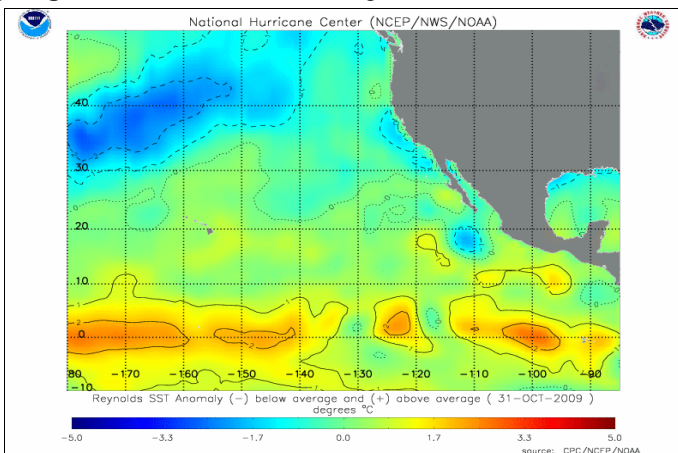
David Zierden, the Climatologist for the state of Florida, will give the outlook for this cold protection season considering the current El Niño

Climate Phase. Extension Agent Ryan Atwood will describe how to save water and money by properly managing your cold protection systems and Rick Lusher will give an update on the latest improvements to the Florida Automated Weather Network (FAWN).

After November 10, the program brochure will be sent out and be posted at:

<http://sumter.ifas.ufl.edu>

Due to limited space, preregistration for this program will be necessary.



**2009-2010 FNGLA Meetings**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Subject</b>
<b>Dec. 15</b>	<b>Rapsallions Land o Lakes</b>	<b>Christmas Party</b>
<b>Jan. 19</b>	<b>Sumter County Extension</b>	<b>Pest Update</b>
<b>Feb. 16</b>	<b>Farm Credit</b>	<b>MPCI Insurance</b>
<b>Mar. 16</b>	<b>Finest Farms Brooksville</b>	<b>Energy Plants with Ornamental Potential</b>
<b>Apr. 20</b>	<b>Green World Path</b>	<b>Sustainable Production</b>
<b>May 19</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>



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