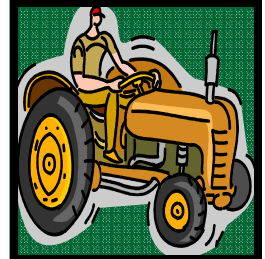




# Green-Up News

For The Commercial Grower

By Dana Venrick, Commercial Horticulture Agent II



★★★★ **ATTENTION** ★★★★★

**UF/IFAS CEU\* DAY**

in cooperation with the

Central Florida Fern Co-opt

Farm Credit of Central Florida‡

and Florida Nursery Growers and Landscape Association

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*Time: 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.*

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## **FNGLA MEETING**

The Central East Coast

Chapter of FNGLA

**Will Meet: Thursday, April 23, 2009**

**Place: Norwood's Restaurant**

**SR 44 E, New Smyrna Beach (South Causeway)**

**Speakers: Farm Credit Insurance & Closson Insurance**

**Meet & Greet at 6:30 p.m.**

**Dinner at 7:00 p.m.**

**Menu: Choice of Prime Rib, Mahi/Salmon  
or Norwood Chicken**

**R.S.V.P. by April 20 - Curtis Davis (407) 322-5133**

# CEU DAY AGENDA

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*Time: 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.*

*Location: Pierson Lions Club†, 143 W. First Avenue, Pierson, FL*

**8:30 a.m. - 9:20 a.m. - New ornamental herbicides and their use (one CEU)**

Bob Stamps, Ph.D., UF/IFAS Prof. of Environmental Horticulture, MREC-Apopka

Information about new herbicides labeled for use on ornamental crops. Bob is the IFAS researcher that works on weed management for ornamental growers.

**9:20 a.m. - 10:10 a.m. - What's new in insect and mite control (one CEU)**

Lance Osborne, Ph.D., UF/IFAS Prof. of Entomology, MREC-Apopka

Up-to-date information on identifying and controlling the latest mite and thrips pests to infest ornamental crops in Florida. Lance is a noted expert on invasive pest control in ornamental crops.

**10:10 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - New bactericides and fungicides and their use (one CEU)**

David Norman, Ph.D., UF/IFAS Assoc. Prof. of Plant Pathology, MREC-Apopka

The latest information on controlling common diseases in ornamental crops. David is well-known for his work on disease control for ornamentals.

**11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. - What FNGLA can do for you**

Rosemary Warner & Curt Davis, Owners, Native Southeastern Trees, Osteen

Rosemary has been very active in the Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association, has won several awards from FNGLA, and currently is the president of FNGLA.

**11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - What Farm Credit can do for you**

Regina Thomas & Lindsay Harnish, Officers, Farm Credit of Central Florida, Apopka

Both Regina and Lindsey are well-known for the services they provide to the agricultural and rural communities in Central Florida.

**11:30 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. - New pesticides and using fungicides properly (one CEU)**

Linda Lindenberg, with Dow Agro Sciences of Indianapolis, Indiana, Senior Sales Representative for Southeast Florida headquartered in Melbourne Beach

Information on the latest pesticides from Dow and how to manage fungicide use to reduce the chances of pathogen resistance development. Linda is on the board of the Florida Fertilizer and Agrichemical Association.

**12:20 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - LUNCH‡**

Lunch is provided through the courtesy of Farm Credit of Central Florida

**1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Mixing and Loading Pesticides (0.5 Core CEU)**

Dana Venrick, M.S., UF/IFAS Extension Agent II, Volusia County

Pesticide storage, handling and application regulations and key label information and restrictions. Dana's experience includes six years with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services in Pathology and Inspection and 12 years of experience as a nursery owner.

**\*CCA, FNGLA and Restricted Use Pesticide License (RUPL) CEUs.**

**†Meeting place compliments of the Central Florida Fern Co-op.**

**‡Lunch compliments of Farm Credit of Central Florida.**

## **FLOOD-PRONE LANDS IN FLORIDA MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR RESTORATION AND PROTECTION WITH ECONOMIC RECOVERY FUNDS**

Gainesville, FL, March 10, 2009 - U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will provide up to \$145 million to eligible landowners nationwide through the floodplain easement component of its Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced today. USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) administers the EWP program. The funds will be used to restore an estimated 60,000 acres, nationwide, of frequently flooded land to its natural state and create jobs. USDA has limited spending to no more than \$30 million per state.

"We will be working with landowners who voluntarily agree to restore the floodplains to their natural condition by placing their land into easements," Suarez said. "These easements will convert environmentally sensitive lands into riparian corridors and wooded bottomlands that are so vital for fish and wildlife habitat, and to mitigate downstream flooding."

Secretary Vilsack said green jobs can be created in rural communities nationwide when landowners establish conservation practices on the land entered into easement. Jobs will be created mostly in the engineering, biology and construction fields when trees and native grasses are planted and the hydrology of the floodplain is restored.

The funding, obtained from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, includes both technical and financial assistance to restore the easements. All funds will be spent on targeted projects that can be completed with economic stimulus monies. The goal is to have all floodplain easements acquired and restored within 12 - 18 months.

The EWP Program's floodplain easement component allows USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) to purchase easements on lands damaged by flooding. The restored floodplain will generate many public benefits, such as increased flood protection, enhanced fish and wildlife habitat, improved water quality, and a reduced need for future public disaster assistance. Other benefits include reduced energy consumption when certain agricultural activities and practices are eliminated and increased carbon sequestration as permanent vegetative cover is re-established.

Interested landowners in Flagler and Volusia counties can contact George Johnson, District Conservationist, during the signup. For information about EWP Program floodplain easements, please visit <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/ewp/Floodplain/index.html>.

Due to the unusually cold weather, funds also may be available from the Farm Service Agency (FSA) of USDA for freeze damage to nursery in-ground trees. Contact the FSA at 101 Heavensgate Road, Suite F, DeLand, FL 32720 (West side of Hwy 17), (386) 985-4307, Extension 3.

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# Mark your Calendar

**August 1 & 2**

**Statewide Small Farms & Alternative Enterprises Conference,  
Osceola Heritage Park, Kissimmee, Florida**

**(Saturday and Sunday)**

**\*Includes a trade show of at least 100 exhibitors and six concurrent educational sessions including a large indoor livestock arena with live animal displays.**

**\*The conference includes:**

**Regionally & nationally known speakers, including Florida farmers**

**Livestock Demos in air conditioned arena**

**Networking with other small farmers**

**Local foods featured**

**Exhibitors**

**\*Topics: Business/Marketing, Policy/Regulations, Small Ruminants/Livestock, Alternative Energy, Organic Production and Horticulture.**

**\*Cost: Conference fee if paid by June 1, 2009 is \$100.**

**One day attendee fee of \$70 if paid by June 1, 2009.**

**For more information visit the website at:**

**<http://smallfarms.ifas.ufl.edu/floridasmallfarmsconference/index.htm>**

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