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## YOUR SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS SEEKS YOUR HELP

*By Robert Adair, Supervisor  
Indian River Soil and Water Conservation District*

In this time of increasing governmental regulation and rising costs you may wonder how the County Soil and Water Conservation Districts aid local farmers as stewards of the land. By working in cooperation with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS), the Water Management Districts, and the US Dept of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA/NRCS), SWCD's administer and help to provide conservation plan assistance, drainage design and technical information that can be implemented through cost share funding for irrigation system automation and upgrades, soil moisture/climate sensor telemetry, precision application equipment, tailwater recovery and reuse systems, flash board risers and other conservation equipment and structures. All this work is administered by a locally elected nonpartisan board of five non-salaried public officials as SWCD 'supervisors'.

In past years we've had supervisors that were citrus growers, civil engineers, cattlemen, agricultural researchers and an ecologist. Recently Senator Travis Hutson introduced Senate Bill 1078 to amend Florida Statute 582 "Soil and Water Conservation Law" to provide that new soil and water conservation districts (SWCDs) must be subdivided into five numbered subdivisions that match the boundaries of either the five county commission districts or five school board districts within the county. It also requires SWCD supervisors to be eligible voters who reside within their district from which they are elected and must be actively engaged or retired after ten years of being engaged in, agriculture as defined by Florida Statute 570.02, or be employed by an agricultural producer.

The problem is Senate Bill 1078 severely limits who can serve as supervisors on SWCD boards based on where they live and must be bona fide farmers. At first this sounds good, but some of these new imposed geographical seats may not have any eligible farmers, for example urban districts in Duval County. Likewise in St. Lucie and Indian River Counties, most of our farmers, if not all, reside in the western portions of the county, not on the barrier island where there are two

districts. More importantly, it would eliminate professional civil engineers familiar with hydrology and storm water management, as well as agricultural scientists, ecologists, and other professionals or consultants from serving local boards. In the past this would have eliminated such local icons as Marvin Carter, Mike Ziegler and George Simmons who many of you know and respect. Another piece of legislation House Bill 783, sponsored by Representative Keith Truenow, seeks to abolish all soil and water conservation districts that have been inactive for over two years and requires existing Districts to meet at least once a year going forward. Abolishing SWCD's will not solve any problems. It will only create more problems for the state by having to create a new resource for local farmers to learn about new legislation, conservation methods and available funds for implementation.

The Indian River SWCD has formed substantial relationships over the years with many local landowners that we have worked together with them in putting conservation structures on the ground for over 77 years. This we have done in a voluntary and non-regulatory fashion; and in the process, we have had a great many successes. Many of these individual farmers/producers dislike regulatory agencies and prefer to keep their interactions with them at a minimum. They would much rather work with their local SWCD, who they trust and have a personal connection with as well as a sense of community. Over the decades this formula hasn't changed, that is our locally led SWCD works best as it is. On behalf of our local and all of Florida's SWCDs, we ask that you speak to your Florida Senator(s) and Representative(s) that sit on the respective bill's committees to make sure that Senate Bill 1078 and House Bill 783 DO NOT pass.

Your support in opposing this legislation is both imperative and greatly appreciated.

*Irrigation system typically used in 1960*



*Aerial image of East Coast grove with wind breaks aided by cost share funding*



*Irrigation emitter pattern in an East Coast citrus grove aided by cost share funding*



# OPPORTUNITY FOR IMPROVED WATER QUALITY

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) held a ribbon cutting ceremony with state and local officials on February 11, 2022 to celebrate the Scott Water Farm, a public-private partnership with Evans Properties, Inc. in Indian River and Okeechobee counties to store water and improve water quality. **Did you know that the Scott Water Farm will store more than 9 billion gallons of local storm water runoff and was designed to reduce harmful estuary discharges?**

This project will retain onsite rainfall and pump water from the C-25 Canal and store it on approximately 7,500 acres of privately-owned land. The project has the capability to reduce more than 3 metric tons of Total Phosphorus per year, and over 13 metric tons of Total Nitrogen per year.

Governor Ron DeSantis prioritizes public-private partnerships as part of his effort to do more now for Florida's environment and improve water quality around the state. This project represents a joint effort between the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, South Florida Water Management District, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and Evans Properties, Inc.

SFWMD continues to advance important Everglades restoration projects that will send more water south, reduce harmful discharges, and improve water quality in South Florida.

Doug Bournique, Executive Vice President of the Indian River Citrus League and Governor Board member of the St. John River Water Management District stated, "Florida's future water supply lies in the agricultural areas of the state and private-public partnerships will help provide abundant quality water for its growing population."



# TRACKING AND COMBATING CITRUS GREENING DISEASE

*By Marc J. Lowen  
President | Excelsior Aerospace Corporation*

Excelsior Aerospace is pursuing an opportunity with the USDA to build a free tool that farmers and aerial inspection service providers can use to rapidly detect, track, and manage Citrus Greening disease. Our goal is to work with growers and the USDA in not only stopping the spread of HLB and the Asian Citrus Psyllid (ACP), but to also assist farmers in managing the treatment of crops that are already infected. On one end, our tool would serve growers in states such as Texas and California to detect early symptoms of ACP and HLB infection and take measures to quarantine and eliminate the disease and its vector. On the other end we would support growers, particularly in Florida, to deal with much more advanced stages of the disease by tracking the progress of HLB and steps that are taken to fight the spread such as insecticide application and introduction of ACP predator species.

Our online management tool will assist growers by securely tracking both their data and that of other growers in monitoring progress and recognizing methods that are meeting the greatest success in eliminating ACP and reducing the impact of HLB. As improved methods emerge, they will be provided as recommendations to growers through the platform, along with the relevant data showing the level of impact. Since the HLB detection and tracking tool would be funded by the USDA, it will always be free to growers.

Right now, we are offering two levels of commitment that growers can sign up for to participate in our testing and development. Our greatest need is for Level 2 participants who will allow us to perform aerial surveys of their crops, capturing data using hyperspectral cameras. That data will be used in refining our HLB detection tool and validating its accuracy. Feedback on the tool, data collection methods, and online tracking and management system will be welcome as well. Level 1 collaborators can opt to only provide input on the detection tool, management system, and respond to surveys, helping us to fit the platform to their needs. If either of these participation options are of interest to you, please fill out our survey below.

Industry Stakeholder Interest Survey | Excelsior Aerospace - <https://www.excelsioraerospace.com/interest-survey/>

We are also available for phone interviews and on-site interviews, location dependent, if there's more you'd like to learn. If the USDA selects our project for funding, we are planning to formally begin testing and development in September of 2022 and continue through August of 2024. Growers may opt to participate for all or only a portion of the project. If you sign up for either level of participation, we will reach out to you with further information. Thank you for your time and consideration.

As a company, we strongly believe in learning from the wisdom of growers and building tools that are informed by their expertise.

For additional information, please contact myself at C: 703-965-9667, [marc.lowen@excelsioraerospace.com](mailto:marc.lowen@excelsioraerospace.com) or Kelly S. Lowen, Design Engineer, C: 321-747-3898, [kelly.lowen@excelsioraerospace.com](mailto:kelly.lowen@excelsioraerospace.com)

# AGNET MEDIA PURCHASES FLORIDA GROWER MAGAZINE

As announced, Meister Media Worldwide's Florida Grower Magazine will be purchased by AgNet Media effective March 1, 2022.



In the press release, it was stated that through Florida Grower, Meister Media has invested more than 25 years of commitment to Florida's citrus, vegetable and specialty crop producers. Initiatives like the Florida Grower<sup>SM</sup> Citrus Show, the Florida Grower<sup>SM</sup> Citrus Achievement Award and the We Believe in Florida Citrus program reflect the continued importance of the state's specialty crops growers, not only to Florida but to the rest of the United States and the world.

As they navigate the immediate challenges facing their businesses and the industry at large, Florida growers need a single, unified information source to assist them. Meister Media representatives believe AgNet Media, with its in-state presence and market leadership, is best positioned to serve that need.

"We are thrilled to bring Florida Grower into the AgNet Media portfolio," says Robin Loftin, president of AgNet Media. "The publication has a long and storied history of serving Florida growers. We share that commitment to a grower-first emphasis in all that we do at AgNet Media. We are proud to continue that tradition and serve Florida Grower's audience as we move forward with this transition."

Indian River Citrus League's Executive Vice President, Doug Bournique, stated, "Since 2004, we have worked with Florida Grower Magazine to build the Florida Citrus Show into a must see state-wide event. We hope to continue the show's success with AgNet, who has been a strong advocate for growers throughout the state."



# CELEBRATE THE ANNUAL HIBISCUS FESTIVAL

*By Heather Stapleton  
Executive Director*

*Indian River Citrus Museum and Heritage Center*



In 1967, Vero Beach City Council adopted Resolution 1944, giving Vero Beach the nickname the Hibiscus City.

Vero Beach certainly has a lot of hibiscus, most with showy, gorgeous blooms.

There are even several varieties of hibiscus that grow here naturally. In fact, one of the old citrus crate labels, Turk's Cap, celebrates one of those native varieties. This label is part of the Indian River Citrus museum's permanent label collection.

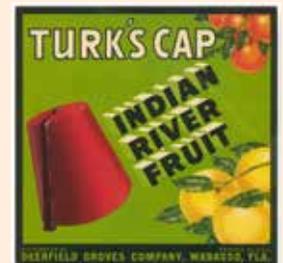
Entering the city's downtown district from the west on SR60, visitors are first welcomed with beautiful hibiscus mosaic by The Conrad Pickel Studio.

Continuing on SR60, a larger than life mural, simply entitled "The Hibiscus Mural" is a gift to the city from the Vero Beach Art Club. Artist Karen Leffel-Massengill designed the artwork and painted it with Mary Ellen Koser and Art Club committee members.

Throughout the city, you can find several large murals prominently featuring hibiscus.

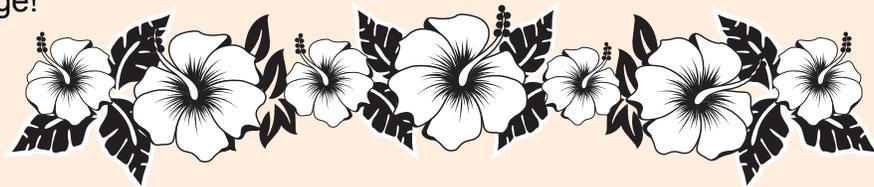
Celebrating our city's nickname, Main Street Vero Beach hosts the annual Hibiscus Festival to increase awareness of the historic downtown sector as well as raise funds to support preservation. And Vero Heritage, Inc is a proud partner in that celebration! After all, preservation is at the core of Vero Heritage's mission.

During festival hours on Saturday, March 26 and Sunday, March 27, the Indian River Citrus Museum will offer tours and fresh oj samples, compliments of Schacht Groves. Plus, there will be a special gift for the first 5 guests each day who can find the Turk's Cap packing label!



Inside the Heritage Center there will be hibiscus painting classes (registration required) and a book signing by local author Beth Redman Kray. On Sunday from 11am to 3pm, local artisan tea company Wang & Dickerson will be offering samples of fresh hibiscus tea mocktails and sharing their coveted recipe.

Finally, this gorgeous hibiscus painting by Barbara Sharp is for sale and a portion of the proceeds goes directly to operating the Indian River Citrus Museum! What a way to honor, celebrate and show off our City's heritage!



# USACE AND SFWMD CELEBRATE INDIAN RIVER LAGOON STA GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

On February 18, 2022, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District (USACE) and South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) hosted a groundbreaking event to celebrate the start of construction on the Indian River Lagoon- South C-23/24 Stormwater Treatment Area.

“We are here with our outstanding partners at the South Florida Water Management to celebrate the Groundbreaking for the C-23/24 Stormwater Treatment Area, the first major construction feature of the Indian River Lagoon-South project to address the C-23 and C-24 basins in St Lucie County,” said **Col. James Booth**, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District Commander. “This is a watershed moment for us. Three months ago, we completed construction on the C-44 Reservoir and Stormwater Treatment Area Complex, we’re putting C-23/24 components in the ground, and the Indian River Lagoon-South C 23/24 North Reservoir has been fully funded through construction under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the largest single investment to date to restore and revitalize the Everglades in Florida. We’ve got incredible momentum right now!”

“The South Florida Water Management District continually prioritizes improving water quality across South Florida, and today’s C-23/C-24 STA groundbreaking is another pivotal moment to helping protect the St. Lucie River and the Indian River Lagoon,” said Chauncey Goss, Chairman of the South Florida Water Management District. “The State of Florida, under the leadership of Governor Ron DeSantis, will continue its commitment to advancing Everglades projects that make a difference for the environment and the quality of life for people in South Florida. We’re going to keep up our momentum and work in partnership with the Jacksonville District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to expedite Everglades projects.”

The 2,500 acre C23/24 Stormwater Treatment Area, or STA, is designed to treat water from the Canal-23 and Canal-24 Basins.

The Indian River Lagoon Watershed is home to more than 4,300 species of plants and animals and supports an annual economic contribution of more than \$730 million. In addition, the Indian River Lagoon is known as the most bio-diverse habitat in North America and has been designated an Estuary of National Significance by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Indian River Citrus League offers an annual sponsorship opportunity to our associate members and affiliated businesses.

The annual Treasure Coast Grown Fun Shoot held in January of each year is building into a must attend gathering. This one-day event will be held at the Vero Beach Clays and Shooting Sports and provides fun, fellowship and networking opportunities. It’s not too soon to begin thinking about partnering with us. Contact Karen at (772-595-5026) or email ([karen@ircitrusleague.org](mailto:karen@ircitrusleague.org)) for more details of how you can be a part of our growing event. There are various levels of sponsorship so there’s something for everyone!



# 2022 AG WORKER SAFETY PROGRAM

## FRESH CITRUS GROWERS, PACKERS, AND SHIPPERS:

With the surge in infections related to the COVID-19 Omicron variant, we have decided to offer the **2022 Ag Worker Safety Program** in virtual format, starting at **9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**. The program will be terminated **June 30, 2022**.

This annual bilingual training is designed to help employees work safely to prevent accidents, operate equipment in a mindful manner, be aware of their surroundings to avoid dangerous situations and satisfy necessary training requirements for WPS, food safety and personal hygiene. Participants will receive a certificate of attendance.

### Instructions

- Note that the Safari browser may not work properly with the program on a desktop or mobile device. It is recommended to use desktop Google Chrome or Firefox browsers.
- You will need to be able to print, scan, and upload the sign in sheet to complete the training modules.
- The cost is \$3.00 per person total for as many modules as they wish to complete, or a maximum of \$100 per company.
- A certificate of attendance will be provided to each attendee for each individual module.

This year's program includes:

- Agricultural Tractor Safety
- Worker Health and Hygiene
- Overview of Food Safety for Fresh Citrus
- Worker Protection Standards (WPS)
- CDC-Issued Guidance for COVID-19 in Agricultural Workplaces
- Heat Stress and First Aid

**Program Link:** <https://crec.ifas.ufl.edu/trainings/ag-worker-safety-training/>

\*After clicking on this link, please scroll down to see the training links.

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Replication 1	0	0	0.32
Replication 2	0	0	0.57
Replication 3	0	0	0.36
Replication 4	1	0	0.97

The treatment schedule was 3 applications per year at 2 gal/acre for 3 years.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Florida Citrus Commission Meeting  
March 16, 2022 @ 9 a.m.  
Bartow

\*Florida Citrus Crop Forecast Release  
April 8, 2022 @ 12 noon

\*Florida Citrus Crop Forecast Release  
May 12, 2022 @ 12 noon

Florida Citrus Commission Meeting  
May 18, 2022 @ 9 a.m.  
Bartow

\*Florida Citrus Crop Forecast Release  
June 10, 2022 @ 12 noon

Florida Citrus Commission Meeting  
June 15, 2022 @ 9 a.m.  
At Annual Citrus Conference  
Bonita Springs

Florida Citrus Annual Citrus Conference  
June 15-17, 2022

Bonita Springs

Contact Florida Citrus Mutual (863-682-1111) for details

\*Florida Citrus Crop Forecast Release  
July 12, 2022 @ 12 noon  
(Season Final Report)

Citrus Expo @ Lee County Civic Center  
August 17 & 18, 2022

Ft. Myers

<https://citrusexpo.net/registration>

\*The citrus production forecast is released at 12 noon but may not be available on their website until 15-30 minutes later due to transmission schedules. The USDA report should be available immediately after release and can be found at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov>



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# ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

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- Invitation to association meetings
- Subscription to our newsletter
- Access to sponsorship opportunities, which enable your business to market its services directly to our grower and other associate members (newsletter, luncheons, The Florida Citrus Show, and our annual Treasure Coast Grown fun shoot to just name a few)
- Listing on our website ([www.ircitrusleague.org](http://www.ircitrusleague.org)) and newsletter

The Indian River Citrus League, headquartered in Ft. Pierce, was established in 1931 to protect the Indian River Citrus name and growing region that stretches from Volusia to Palm Beach Counties.

The League's responsibilities have expanded from the original purpose of "protecting and enhancing the Indian River name" to include a responsibility of voicing members' opinions at all industry meetings; to all governmental agencies as well as the Florida Legislature and Congress in Washington.

If you feel that a membership would be appropriate for your company, simply complete the attached application and return it along with your dues. Please don't hesitate to call, if you have any questions. Annual membership is \$300.

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# Food Safety Event Calendar

## Winter/Spring 2022

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**Produce Safety**  
ALLIANCE

### Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training

A one-day course for produce growers and packers who fall under FSMA's Produce Safety Rule.

- **January 19<sup>th</sup> - Monticello**  
<https://psa011922.eventbrite.com>
- **February 10<sup>th</sup> - Homestead**  
<https://psa021022.eventbrite.com>
- **March 23<sup>rd</sup> - Belle Glade**  
<https://psa032322.eventbrite.com>
- **March 30<sup>th</sup> - Palmetto**  
<https://psa033022.eventbrite.com>
- **April 14<sup>th</sup> - Naples** <https://psa041422.eventbrite.com>

### Remote- Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training

A three-day, three-hour virtual course for fruit and vegetable growers and packers who fall under FSMA's Produce Safety Rule.

- **February 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> – Remote PSA Training**  
<https://psa020122.eventbrite.com>
- **April 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> – Remote PSA Training**  
<https://psa0419221.eventbrite.com>

### Remote-HACCP for Florida Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Packinghouses

This four-day virtual course focuses on HACCP principles for fruit and vegetable packinghouses.

- **January 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>**  
<https://haccp012522.eventbrite.com>

**FSPCA**  
FOOD SAFETY PREVENTIVE CONTROLS ALLIANCE

### Preventive Controls for Human Food- Preventive Controls Qualified Individual (PCQI) Training

This three-day course for those covered under FSMA's Preventive Controls for Human Food Rule

- **April 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> –Lake Alfred**  
<https://fspca040522.eventbrite.com>



### Bridging the Gaps: Approaches for Treating Water On-Farm

One day course with extension specialists to learn about approaches for treating water on-farm and implementing systems to meet requirements of the Produce Safety Rule

- **March 31<sup>st</sup> - Wimauma/Balm**  
<https://bridgingthegaps033122.eventbrite.com>

**OFRR**

### Sign up for an On-Farm Readiness Review

A free educational opportunity intended to prepare growers for FSMA Produce Safety Rule inspection. Participants must have taken a Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training. To sign up for an On-Farm Readiness Review, visit: [www.fdacs.gov/ofrr](http://www.fdacs.gov/ofrr).

For registration questions, contact [sarahmccoy@ufl.edu](mailto:sarahmccoy@ufl.edu).  
For general food safety questions, contact [UFFoodsafety@ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:UFFoodsafety@ifas.ufl.edu).

# GETTING INVOLVED.

## MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Our Associate Membership provides opportunities to network with existing customers and potential customers by providing opportunities to sponsor events scheduled throughout the year.

Their partnership with our organization is important to us.

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