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INDIAN RIVER'S FRESH FRUIT PACKINGHOUSES

The Indian River citrus district is comprised of six counties from Volusia County south to Palm Beach County and has five packinghouses and 34,000 acres of citrus. We would like to recognize the following packinghouses that support the Indian River Citrus League and pack the world's best citrus.

DLF Packing LLC

DLF International, Inc. began in 1991 for the purpose of exporting Florida Grapefruit into Europe and Asia. DLF International, Inc. has attained great success as a grower, packer, shipper and has become synonymous with the most delicious juicing oranges. DLF International grows, packs and ships the best tasting, juiciest Florida grown citrus. Furthermore, we are the longest running house starting the season in September and ending in July.

Egan Fruit Packing/Sun Ag

Egan Fruit Packing, a subsidiary of Bernard Egan & Company is located in Fellsmere, Florida. Egan Fruit Packing has been providing quality Fresh Fla Citrus to the fresh markets around the world for many years. Using their experience in growing, packing and marketing along with their expertise in Food Safety having instituted one of the earliest Food Safety plans to the industry in 2001.

Egan Fruit Packings parent, Bernard Egan & Company is celebrating over 100 years of success as a family-owned and operated business growing, packing and marketing fresh citrus.

Age symbolizes strength and security in an unpredictable marketplace. We honor our past achievements while continuing to move forward by adapting to the changing needs of the market to meet our customers' needs with high quality fresh citrus.

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Headquartered in Ft. Pierce, Florida, Bernard Egan & Company understands that sustained success in the citrus business is contingent upon the ability to consistently deliver to our customers fruit which is sound, wholesome, and flavorful. Throughout our 100 year history, the Company has excelled in this area, building a worldwide reputation for a quality product and excellent service.

Bernard Egan & company continues the family commitment to operating an organization driven by values of hard work, customer service, and produce excellence. Today, under the leadership of Greg Nelson, President, Bernard Egan & Company continues to develop innovative citrus varieties, packaging and high-quality standards; living up to our guiding principle: "Bear Good Fruit".

IMG Citrus

IMG Citrus, a family-owned, vertically-integrated citrus grower, packer, and shipper in Vero Beach, FL, is celebrating its 40 years of business. Their Florida Citrus business began in 1979 when Michel Sallin, IMG Citrus President, traveled to Florida seeking investment opportunities in agriculture. Sallin and his wife Veronique's first investment, 72 acres of the Hamlin Juice Orange groves in Manatee County, would become the beginning of IMG Citrus' innovative and resilient history.

Sallin's first investment led to a brokerage business, selling and exporting Florida grapefruit internationally to France, a market they knew well. In 1981, they furthered their Florida Citrus venture with the purchase of a 260-acre grove off Cherry Lake Road located in Lake County to expand their business. After experiencing a devastating setback caused by the freezes of 1983 and 1985, which destroyed all of their groves, the Sallins decided to rebuild, diversify, and explore the production of a variety of agricultural crops. They settled on pursuing containerized tree farming on the previously frozen Groveland property, and relocated their citrus operation, IMG Citrus, to the warmer Indian River County. In 1999, with the purchase of a packinghouse in Vero Beach, Florida, IMG Citrus becomes a fully integrated citrus company which grows, packs, and markets fresh Florida citrus around the world. The following year, IMG Citrus would begin marketing on the domestic market for the first time.

Premier Citrus

Based in Vero Beach, Premier Citrus origins began with a simple idea: look to the land for long-term transitional value. We are a Citrus company that started with careful acquisitions, one property at a time, many along Florida's east coast. Once acquired, Premier has provided superior science-based farming, results-focused financial management, innovative packing technology, and sustainable food safety platform.

On the production side, Premier Citrus has a full-service grove care division, which includes all aspects of horticultural management including pre- and post-harvest nutritional application, fertilization, harvest management and daily grove supervision. By combining these signature services together with our world-class marketing team who have over 70 years of industry marketing experience, we provide superior quality, competitive pricing, and exceptional customer service to our clients.

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Riverfront Packing

Riverfront Packing Company was started in 1961. The packinghouse is part of the vertically-integrated citrus organization owned by the Scott Family. Historically, Riverfront has been one of the largest packers of fresh Indian River Grapefruit for both the export and domestic markets. Its experienced management team has adapted the facility to meet the needs of all customers and ensure that only the highest quality of citrus is being packed and shipped.

Riverfront also has a strong commitment to food safety. We piloted the USDA's Partner in Quality self-audit program. In addition, we undergo rigorous annual certifications for the GlobalG.A.P. food safety program.

ANNUAL FLORIDA CITRUS INDUSTRY CONFERENCE

Please mark your calendar for June 14 – 16 for the Florida Citrus Industry Annual Conference being held in Bonita Springs at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort Spa. The conference will feature informative educational sessions and industry meetings for growers and associated partners to join in.

Registration is open so check out the link to make your reservations and see the conference event schedule. Registration link: <https://flcitrusmutual.com/florida-citrus-industry-annual-conference>.



ALEX BROWN APPOINTED TO THE NVDMC BOARD

NVDMC was pleased to receive the League's appointment of Alex Brown to the NVDMC Board of Directors. Alex has a wealth of experience in the production, marketing and shipping aspects of the industry. Furthermore, his direct marketing experience will bring a fresh perspective to projects related to development, release and the market potential of experimental selections. Alex's affiliations with commercial packing in the River are evidence that he knows full well the plight of growers, shippers and processors and the sense of urgency to bring immediate relief and solutions to industry, while building a foundation for the future. Alex jumped into a NVDMC Board meeting within days of his appointment. Welcome aboard Alex. Let's get to work.

Alex replaces Mr. Tom Hammond in this seat. Tom served the NVDMC Board as a League appointee for the better part of 15 years. He participated in domestic and international expeditions. Tom's wealth of knowledge and experience were without parallel. Thank you Tom, for your contributions.

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2024 TREASURE COAST GROWN FUN SHOOT: NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sponsorship levels are already being signed up for! Don't miss out on your company's opportunity to be a part of this growing event.

The 2024 the Treasure Coast Grown Fun Shoot is scheduled for January 24, 2024 at Vero Beach Clay Shooting Sports and by the time of our event early next year, they will have their new clubhouse in operation.

If interested in sponsorship opportunities, please contact Karen at the Indian River Citrus League office 772/595-5026 or email of karen@ircitrusleague.org for additional information.

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BRIGHTLINE CONSTRUCTION MOVING FORWARD IN INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

by Kim DeLaney, Ph.D.,
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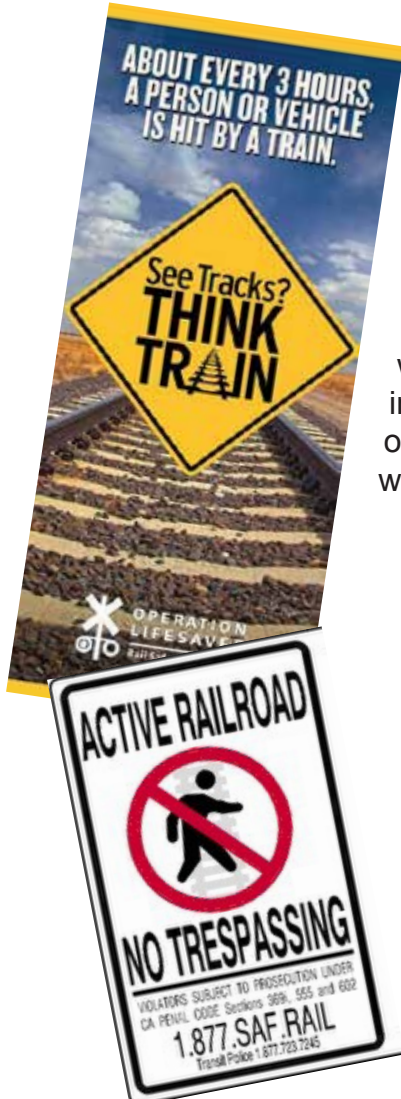
BRIGHTLINE: Initiated in 2018, the Brightline rail system provides passenger service from West Palm Beach to downtown Miami, operating an hourly service with 32 daily trains traveling up to 79 MPH in the Phase 1 segment. Brightline's current service includes additional stations in Fort Lauderdale, Boca Raton, and Aventura, and a future station is envisioned at Port Miami.

Brightline is currently under construction on its Phase 2 segment, which will extend service from West Palm Beach to Orlando International Airport. The work includes the installation of a second railroad track along with improvements to bridges, grade crossings, and communications infrastructure between West Palm Beach and Cocoa. An entirely new railroad alignment and single track is being installed between Cocoa and Orlando. Train testing is underway on the Phase 2 corridor, and service is anticipated to begin in 2023.

Long-term, the company has indicated it plans to extend the service to Tampa in 2028, with additional stations anticipated in the Treasure Coast and Central Florida. Construction schedules and updates are available on the company's website: www.gobrightline.com



Brightline Status Map. SOURCE: <https://www.gobrightline.com/florida-expansion>



TRESPASS PREVENTION: Safety is the paramount concern for all transportation facilities, and the FRA has developed "Operation Lifesaver" as part of a national strategy focused on preventing trespassing in rail corridors. Prevention measures include education and outreach, trespassing barriers like fences and landscaping, trespassing enforcement, and suicide prevention. Local government and agency staff are advancing various trespass prevention strategies and improvements that would help improve the safety of the FEC corridor. Additionally, Brightline has initiated a public safety campaign to emphasize the need for people to stay out of the rail corridor. The campaign includes a rail safety pledge card along with outreach efforts for schools, neighborhoods, and communities.



NEW EXISTING TREE THERAPY PROGRAM ANNOUNCED BY CRAFT

*By Tamara Wood, Program Manager
CRAFT Foundation, Inc.*

The Citrus Research and Field Trial (CRAFT) Foundation has announced a new Existing Tree Therapy program. The program is designed to provide the industry with a better understanding of the best use patterns, combinations, and timing of newly developed therapies. Eligible therapies have shown promise in restoring health and improving juice quality and quantity, as well as fruit retention in Florida.

The Existing Tree Therapies Program will focus on four primary therapies used on existing plantings, including giberellic acid, 2-4D, brassinosteroids and the direct systemic application of approved antimicrobials. Existing groves between 10 and 100 acres that will be treated with one or a combination of the aforementioned therapies will be eligible for application into the program. Much like the current CRAFT new planting program, participants will be required to submit related production records and yield data to the CRAFT-USDA Data Portal as a part of the program. In exchange for their participation, growers will receive payments totaling \$350 per acre over the course of their three-year agreement.

Current funding will allow for approximately 7,500 acres in the initial phase of the Existing Tree Therapies program. Participants will be selected through a random lottery, administered by a third-party entity. Additional funding has been requested for future phases of the program.

Interested growers can apply now at www.craftfdn.org. Additional rules and information can be found online at www.craftfdn.org or by calling Program Manager Tamara Wood at tamara@craftfdn.org, or Assistant Program Manager Tina Buice at tina@craftfdn.org.

The application will be open until 5:00 p.m. on April 30, 2023.



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WEDGWORTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE FOR AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES OPENS NOMINATIONS FOR CLASS XII

The UF/IFAS Wedgworth Leadership Institute for Agriculture and Natural Resources (WLIANR) is soliciting nominations for Class XII of its two-year leadership development program.

Utilizing 11 multi-day seminars throughout Florida, the United States and internationally, WLIANR develops leaders to ensure a strong and adaptable Florida agriculture and natural resources industry for generations to come. WLIANR aims to prepare leaders to assume greater responsibilities in their organizations, industries, and communities; create strategic alliances to build strong networks; analyze complex issues to influence constructive change and to develop a better understanding of self and others, as well as the diverse communities in which we live and work.

To be eligible for consideration, nominees must:

- be at least 25 years old;
 - have resided in Florida for a minimum of one year;
 - receive a substantial portion of their income from Florida agriculture, natural resources and/or related industries;
- and
- demonstrate strong leadership potential.

Self-nominations are accepted. Nominations close June 1 and applications are due no later than June 15. Class XII will begin in Gainesville in November 2023. To submit a nomination, visit [-Nominate](#).

Administered by the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) and housed in the Department of Agricultural Education and Communication, WLIANR hosted its inaugural class in 1992. With approximately 450 program alumni (inclusive of participants and their spouses), WLI has become a staple for developing agricultural leaders who will become increasingly involved in the policy formation process.



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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

May 12, 2023 @ 12 noon

*Florida citrus crop forecast release

June 9, 2023 @ 12 noon

*Florida citrus crop forecast release

June 9, 2023 @ 12 noon

Florida Citrus Industry Annual Conference

*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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Our Founded over 25 years ago, Indian River Select is a minority-owned, family-built company with Venezuelan roots.

Our family has four generations of experience with citrus juice production, and we're truly passionate about what we do. We know that delicious, high-quality juices must be properly produced and packaged to maintain their flavor. That's why we created Frescho LLC, our state-of-the-art processing and packaging facility that uses the latest technology to preserve the flavor of our not from concentrate juices.

We love supporting our local Florida citrus community. Whether you need a professional facility to help process and package your juice or a donation for an upcoming community charity event, you can count on Indian River Select.



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.

If interested in joining our organization, please contact the League office for further details. 772-595-5026 or

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Looking for a way to reach our readers? Why not try our newsletter that reaches our grower members, packinghouses, associate members and affiliated businesses that make up the Indian River citrus growing district. Our publication schedule is September through June and is distributed electronically. Also, the newsletter is posted on our website of www.ircitrusleague.org. If interested, please call the League office at 772/595-5026 or email at info@ircitrusleague.org for more details.

Ad Copy Specifications

Fonts

- Please embed all fonts.
- Do not use artificial font formatting; all formatting (bold, italics, etc.) must be done using stylized fonts.

Logos

- When submitting logos, convert all fonts to outlines.
- Preferred format: vector eps

Color

- We print in 4-color CMYK process.
- All pantone colors must be converted to CMYK.
- Black type should be made with 100% black.

Resolution

- Resolution should be a minimum of 300 dpi at actual size.
- 72 dpi images pulled from websites are not acceptable.
- Line art should be scanned at a minimum of 600 dpi.

File Format

- PDF files and InDesign files are preferred (collected output to include layout, linked pictures, embedded pictures, color profiles, screen fonts and printer fonts).
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