Agenda for May 21 2013 Vegetable Crop Health Management Workshop, GCREC

8:00-8:30   Coffee and Registration
8:30-9:00   Identification of pest and beneficial arthropods
9:00–9:30   Scouting and recognizing vegetable diseases
9:30-10:00  Recognizing nutrient disorders and physiological stresses in vegetable crops
10:00-10:30 Key weeds of Florida vegetable crops
10:30-10:45 Coffee
10:45-12:15 In the field – scouting and diagnosis of crop health problems
12:15–1:00  Lunch and product update from Bayer Crop Science
1:00-2:00   Review of on-line and print resources for pest, disease, weed and nutrient management
2:00-2:20   How to get the most from your plant diagnostic clinics
2:20-3:00   Using a microscope and hand lens to diagnose crop health problems
3:00-4:00   Final Q&A, open discussion, evaluations and closing remarks.

The purpose of the workshop is to provide training in the identification of key arthropod, disease, and weed pests of Florida horticultural crops, and diagnosis of nutritional and other horticultural disorders. The workshop will provide hands-on training with live specimens in the field and laboratory. Information on managing crop health problems and on resources available through UF/IFAS will also be provided. The instructors for the workshop are Dr. Nathan Boyd, Dr. Bielinski Santos, Dr. Hugh Smith, Dr. Gary Vallad (GC REC), Gene McAvoy (Hendry County Cooperative Extension), Crystal Snodgrass (Manatee County Cooperative Extension) and Alicia Whidden (Hillsborough County Cooperative Extension). The workshop is designed for growers, scouts, crop advisors, extension faculty, Master Gardeners, and other crop protection professionals. CEUs and Crop advisor credits will be applied for.

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