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Welcome to the first installment of SWFREC Update E-news! This newsletter will be distributed biweekly and will contain news about the center and its faculty and staff, program research updates, and upcoming events.

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Vision for the Future: New Center Director Dr. Kelly Morgan began as SWFREC's leader on August 1, but has been a faculty member at the center since 2004. He recently penned a vision statement for the future of the research center, including: "The SWFREC conducts high-priority research and extension functions to generate new technologies and improved practices used by growers of the state to solve problems related to agricultural production and protection of natural resources. General goals of SWFREC include alternative citrus and vegetable crop production practices, insect and mite management, plant disease diagnostics and control, and improved irrigation and nutrient management. Specific technologies researched by SWFREC include precision agriculture technology, computer-aided irrigation scheduling, growth model based nutrient management, organic options, soil microbiology, plant physiology, water conservation, and principles of economics and labor supervisory techniques. Future needs of SWFREC include improved drainage on our experimental fields and grove, an upgraded irrigation system to commercial production standards, new farm equipment to improve our production practices, and a new residence dorm to house our growing number of masters and Ph.D. graduate students."



To read Dr. Morgan's full vision statement, click here: <https://swfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/about-us/about/>

Upcoming Events:

UF/IFAS Florida Tomato Institute

September 5, 2018, 9:00am-3:00pm

Ritz Carlton Beach Resort

280 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples, FL 34108

For agenda, click

here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1N6kVxe0Mw5lzCNa2mMxmKo9nbosFR8CY/view>

SWFREC Vegetable Advisory Committee Meeting

September 13, 2018, 6:00-8:00pm

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To RSVP, contact Jennifer Derleth at 239-658-3400 or by email to jderleth@ufl.edu.

Citrus Squeezer

September 25, 2018, 10:00am-1:00pm

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Topic: "Irrigation Water Filtration"

To RSVP, contact Debra Cabrera at 863-674-4092 or by email to dcabrera@ufl.edu.

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