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Pasco County Extension hosts Farm Worker Protection Training

~~Train-the-trainer event for farm trainers and managers~~

DADE CITY, FL ---- The [UF/IFAS Pasco County Cooperative Extension Service](#) will host a Farm Worker Protection Training Session on **Monday, March 20, 2017**, from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Pasco Extension Office located at 36702 State Road 52 in Dade City.

The training session will cover the Worker Protection Standards (WPS) information required under a new rule for training employees as either pesticide workers or handlers.

The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) revised Worker Protection Standards (WPS) regulations, which went into effect on November 2, 2015, require that anyone who wants to become a trainer or be recertified as a trainer of workers and handlers complete an EPA-approved Train-the-Trainer (TTT) program or hold a valid Restricted Use Pesticide (RUP) license. If you were trained under the old rule, and do not have a RUP license, you will need to retrain under the new rule before conducting training. The Florida WPS TTT program summarizes basic WPS provisions, Florida Agriculture Worker Safety Act (FAWSA) requirements, training requirements, general training techniques, information on training preparation and briefly discusses some WPS enforcement hot topics.

Online registration is required. You can [register here online](#) or call the Pasco County Extension Service Office at 352.518.0156. A registration fee of \$10 per person is required to offset program costs. Four continuing education units (CEU's) for the restricted use pesticide license in the Private, Aerial, Ag Row Crop, Ag Tree Crop, Forestry, Ornamental & Turf, Soil & Greenhouse Fumigation category will be available for those attending the class.

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