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The International Symposium on Mechanical Harvesting and Handling Systems of Fruits and Nuts is open for registration. If you register before January 31, you will receive a discount off the registration rate for Florida growers. Topics presented on the first day include orchard/tree design, pruning, grower practices, tree health, processed vs. fresh crops, advanced production systems, abscission agents, and post-harvest concerns.

The second day features engineering topics such as evolution of harvesting systems, robotic harvesting and grading, harvesting efficiency, advantages of harvest aids, and economic considerations that drive development of mechanical harvesting systems. This symposium will provide a unique opportunity for you to learn from internationally recognized experts on how various fruit and nut crops have adapted and are using mechanical harvesting and abscission systems successfully. There will be an optional tour on the third day for those who are interested to see citrus mechanical harvesting machines in action. For further information visit: <http://citrusmh.ifas.ufl.edu>.