

Citrus Industry Magazine- UF/IFAS SWFREC Citrus Mechanical Harvesting Program “What’s Shakin” column

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This past season three new members were added to the IFAS Citrus Mechanical Harvesting Program. Robert Ebel (SWFREC), a plant physiologist, will work to develop methodologies for growers to adopt mechanical harvesting. He will also be working on the development of abscission compounds to aid in mechanical harvesting and optimize tree health to promote recovery after harvest. Michelle Danyluk (CREC), a food scientist, will be looking at the food safety and value of processed citrus products that were mechanically harvested. Tim Spann (CREC), a horticulturist, will be researching how the use of mechanical harvesting affects the amount of trash (leaves, stems and twigs) that is deposited into a trailer.

For further information on these and the other faculty members, please visit our website:

<http://citrusMH.ifas.ufl.edu>.