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One of the main objectives of the Citrus Mechanical Harvesting Outreach group is to “organize workshops, field days, and grower meetings for the purpose of direct communication with citrus industry clientele.” One step we are taking to achieve this goal is to work with the area citrus agents, across the entire citrus production area, to make presentations on mechanical harvesting at their grower meetings.

Our first meeting was held on September 24 with St. Lucie County Extension. And the next scheduled one is December 8<sup>th</sup> at SWFREC in Immokalee with the Hendry County Extension. The presentations include tree health, abscission update, current machines, and the economics of mechanical harvesting. For other scheduled dates, please visit our website at <http://citrusMH.ifas.ufl.edu>.