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The 2011 Citrus Mechanical Harvesting Annual Field Day & Workshop was held on April 20 at the UF/SWFREC in Immokalee. Abscission, and specially registration of CMNP, was the focus of this year’s program. More than 40 growers heard presentations that summarized what we know about CMNP for the best fruit removal, economic advantages from abscission, and ideas on how to incorporate information on tree canopy dimensions to measure how CMNP could improve overall fruit recovery from mechanical harvesting systems. The field day component featured a sprayer demonstration by Chemical Container and a discussion of how an Oxbo olive harvester will be used as an over-the row harvester.

The workshop presentations and video clips of the field day portion are posted on the mechanical harvesting website: <http://citrusmh.ifas.ufl.edu>. Search for “2011 MH Field Day and Workshop” under “Site Updates” or “Extension Tools.”