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# Remaining Profitable in the Face of Canker and Greening— Prospects for Mechanical Harvesting!

**Thursday, April 6, 2006  
8:00 AM—3:30 PM**

Southwest Florida Research and Education Center  
2686 State Road 29 North  
Immokalee, FL 34142



## Morning Agenda

8:00 am Registration, refreshments, and welcome

8:30 am **Economic thresholds for success of mechanical harvesting in citrus**, Fritz Roka, UF-SWFREC

8:40 am **Making mass harvesters more productive with abscission**, Jackie Burns, UF-CREC

9:00 am Travel to two field sites

Field Site #1, Trunk Shakers and Abscission Demonstration

Field Site #2, Continuous Canopy Harvesters

12:00 pm Lunch– Catered by Gator Hammock



## Afternoon Agenda

1:00 pm **Developing new harvesting technology, a manufacturer's perspective**, Gary Stich, OXBO Corp

1:20 pm **Harvesting enhancements: improved sanitation and yield monitoring**, Resa Ehsani, UF-CREC

1:40 pm **Future mechanical improvements and robotic fresh fruit harvesting**, Tom Burks, UF-Gainesville

2:00 pm Break

2:20 pm **Effect of mechanical harvesting on tree health and yield**, Jim Syvertson, UF-CREC

2:40 pm **The shape of nursery trees in the future to improve mechanical harvesting efficiency**, Bob Rouse, UF-SWFREC

3:00 pm **Observations of tree damage after Hurricane Wilma from both hand and mechanically harvested trees**, Kelly Morgan, UF-SWFREC

3:30 pm Wrap-up, evaluation, and adjourn