Congratulations to UF/IFAS Citrus Mechanical Harvesting and Abscission faculty member, Michelle Danyluk, for receiving the 2013 Excellence Award for Assistant Professors from University of Florida in recognition of her outstanding research. Dr. Danyluk, food science and human nutrition faculty member at the Citrus Research and Education Center in Lake Alfred, was awarded for her work this past year on *Salmonella* and *E. coli* detection and dispersal.

Dr. Danyluk’s research interests include microbial food safety and quality, as well as developing standards for maintaining them in different storage and processing conditions. One of her research focuses on citrus and how and why foodborne pathogens survive in production environments and the role environments play in food contamination.

To learn more about Michelle's work with citrus mechanical harvesting please visit our website at [http://citrusmh.ifas.ufl.edu](http://citrusmh.ifas.ufl.edu).