

2026 FBGA Spring Meeting and Field Day
Wednesday, March 4, 2026
2556 Co Hwy 318
UF PSREU, Citra, FL 32113

8:00 a.m. Visit Trade Show

9:00 a.m. Welcome – Dr. Robert Gilbert, *Dean for Research, IFAS, University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.*

9:15 a.m. Weed management during harvest – Dr. Peter Dittmar, *Extension weed scientist, Horticultural Sciences Department, IFAS, University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.*

9:45 a.m. Crop concentration and harvest efficiency – Dr. Gerardo Nunez, *plant physiologist, Horticultural Sciences Department, IFAS, University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.*

10:15 a.m. Break – visit trade show

10:45 a.m. Updates on leaf rust research and FBGA Research Committee – Dr. Phil Harmon, *Extension plant pathologist and Christ Mane Belizaire, Graduate Research Assistant, IFAS, University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.*

11:15 a.m. New leaf nitrogen sufficiency thresholds for southern highbush blueberries – Dr. Hanna Ibiapina de Jesus, *horticulturist, Dr. Jeff Williamson, Extension horticulturist, and Dr. Gerardo Nunez, plant physiologist, Horticultural Sciences Department, IFAS, University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.*

11:45 a.m. Lunch and trade show

1:00 p.m. Effects of pine bark decomposition on plant nutrient uptake – Ms. Paige Larsen *graduate assistant, and Dr. Gerardo Nunez, plant physiologist, Horticultural Sciences Department, IFAS, University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.*

1:30 p.m. Breeding program and Citra trial site update, pulse irrigation system – Dr. Patricio Munoz, *blueberry breeder, Horticultural Sciences Department, IFAS, University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.*

2:00 p.m. Leave for field portion of meeting

2:15 p.m. Field portion of blueberry breeding program update and pulse irrigation system – Dr. Patricio Munoz, *blueberry breeder, Horticultural Sciences Department, IFAS, University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.*

2:45 p.m. Field portion of blueberry plant physiology update - Dr. Gerardo Nunez, *plant physiologist, Horticultural Sciences Department, IFAS, University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.*

3:15 p.m. Return to meeting room, distribution of signed CEU forms.