

## **Banker Plant Utilization in the Greenhouse and Field**

**Thursday, October 2, 2014**

**8:30AM to 3:30PM**

**Mid-Florida REC - Apopka  
2725 S. Binion Rd., Apopka, FL 32703**

**8:30 AM – Registration and Welcome**

**8:50 AM – Pre-Test Administered**

**9:00 AM – Banker Plant Systems on the Farm** A look into the various beneficial insect habitats at the Suwannee Valley Agricultural Extension Center – Live Oak. **(Robert Hochmuth – UF/IFAS Multi-county Extension Agent)**

**9:40 AM – Outdoor Banker Plant System at MREC** A brief slideshow on the progression of the banker plant landscape at the MREC. **(Matt Lollar – UF/IFAS Multi-county Extension Agent)**

**10:00 AM – Banker Plant Systems in Ornamentals** An overview of the various banker plant systems being utilized in commercial greenhouse and nursery operations in Florida. **(Dr. Lance Osborne – UF/IFAS Mid-Florida REC, Dr. Cindy McKenzie - USDA-ARS Ft. Pierce)**

**10:50 AM – Post-Test Administered**

**11:00 AM – Tour of Mid-Florida REC Greenhouses** – Greenhouses will be toured and banker plant systems will be viewed and discussed. **(Dr. Lance Osborne – UF/IFAS Mid-Florida REC)**

**11:45 AM – Lunch (Provided)**

**12:30 PM – Tour of Mid-Florida REC Grounds** – The MREC-Apopka grounds will be toured and banker plant plots will be discussed. Insects will be collected from plots. **(Dr. Liz Felter, Dr. Juanita Popenoe, Matt Lollar – UF/IFAS Extension)**

**1:00 PM – Beneficials Discussion** – Insects collected from the field plots will be examined and discussed. **(Dr. Lance Osborne – UF/IFAS Mid-Florida REC)**

**1:30 PM – Banker Plant Rearing** – Beneficial rearing kits will be assembled followed by an overview of maintaining beneficial populations. **(Dr. Liz Felter, Dr. Juanita Popenoe, Matt Lollar – UF/IFAS Extension)**

**2:00 PM – Production Field Trip** – A visit to Commercial Nursery and Greenhouse operations with functioning banker plant programs.

**3:30 PM – Wrap-up**