

Network News

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Online Offerings

New Real-Time PCR Workshop a success Contributed by Dr. Paul Vincelli, UKY. Please link to the [PDF](#) for information and a photograph.

Training Opportunities

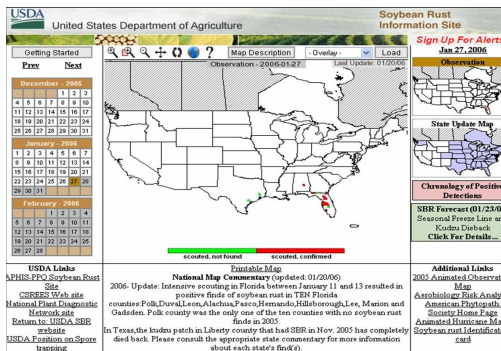
New Citrus Greening Training Video Find all the presentations, plus the Q&A session at the [SPDN HLB page](#).

New Xylella In-Service training May 24, 2006 For location, agenda, and more information, please read the [PDF](#).

Virus Inclusion Workshop, Gainesville, Florida 5/8/06 - 5/10/06 Two seats left! A 3-day introductory course for scientists, diagnosticians, and/or technicians who have no previous experience or limited experience with virus inclusion identification. "Hands-on" lab work will include virus inclusion identification of potyviruses, tobamoviruses, potexviruses, cucumoviruses, comoviruses, tomato spotted wilt virus, and geminiviruses. Both the [letter](#) and [brochure](#) have more information. Due to limited space and facilities, interested individuals must pre-register for this workshop.

The SPDN is officially announcing a **Coleoptera Workshop training** that will be held in Blacksburg, VA from May 22-25, 2006 <http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/coleoptera/>. Workshop topics to be covered include Cerambycidae, Scolytinae, and Chrysomelidae beetles. For more details, contact Amanda Hodges achodges@ifas.ufl.edu.

There will be a **high risk pest training and workshop** at the University of Florida, Entomology and Nematology Department, UF Campus, Gainesville. March 14, 2006, 1:00 PM to March 16, 2006 at noon. Diagnosis, identification and management topics will be presented on these pests or plant pathogens: Citrus Greening and Canker, Begomoviruses, Tospoviruses, Ralstonia solanacearum, Sudden Oak Death, Soybean Rust, scales, mealybugs, Q-Biotype whitefly, Chili thrips,



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apniads, reamoppers and true bugs.

**Second International Workshop for the Morphological
and Molecular Identification of the Straminipiles:
Phytophthora and Pythium** May 21-26, 2006 in
Raleigh NC. Please find more information [here](#).

Pest and Pathogen News

New January Soybean Rust Finds across the Southeast

Sporulating pustules, with viable spores, have been noted in Florida and Georgia, but recent frost has killed back much of the kudzu. More information can be found at

<http://www.sepdn.org/DesktopModules/ViewDocument.aspx?DocumentID=2384> and <http://www.sbrusa.net/>.

New Citrus Greening (Huanglongbing) 11 counties now positive in FL For more information, please navigate to the SPDN Citrus Greening webpage at

<http://www.sepdn.org/DesktopModules/ViewDocument.aspx?DocumentID=2287>.