



Florida Mango Fest

June 27, 2026

Seminar Program



Ballroom A-B
LEVEL 2

- 11:15 AM** **Welcome and Introductions**
Florida Mango Grower Association
University of Florida / IFAS, Palm Beach County Extension
- 11:30 AM** **Brief Overview of Florida Mango Industry and Cold Tolerance and Protection Information**
Jonathan Crane, Ph.D., Emeritus Tropical Fruit Specialist, University of Florida / IFAS
- 12:30 PM** **Mango Cultivars for South Florida**
Chris Wenzel, Truly Tropical, Delray Beach
- 1:30 PM** **Mango Growing in South Florida, Understanding Challenges and Benefits**
Alex Salazar, Tropical Acres Farms, West Palm Beach
- 3:00 PM** **Grower Panel Discussion**
Alex Salazar, Tropical Acres Farms, West Palm Beach
Steve Cucura, Fruitscapes, Bokeelia
Chris Wenzel, Truly Tropical, Delray Beach
Har Mahdeem, Tropical Fruit Consultant, Delray Beach
Jonathan Crane, Ph.D., University of Florida, Emeritus Tropical Fruit Specialist

Technical Presentations

Meeting Room 1 G-H-I
LEVEL 1

- 10:45 AM** **Welcome and Introductions**
University of Florida / IFAS, Palm Beach County Extension
- 11:00 AM** **Grafting Techniques**
Har Mahdeem, Tropical Fruit Consultant, Delray Beach
- 11:45 AM** **Selecting, Planting, Fertilizing, and Pruning Young Mango Trees**
Jeff Wasielewski, University of Florida / IFAS, Miami Dade County Extension
- 12:30 PM** **Tree Biology Insights to Prune your Mango with Purpose**
Andrew Koeser, Ph.D., University of Florida / IFAS, Gulf Coast Research & Education Center
- 1:15 PM** **Grafting Techniques**
Har Mahdeem, Tropical Fruit Consultant, Delray Beach
- 2:00 PM** **Tree Biology Insights to Prune your Mango with Purpose**
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