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<https://eces.ifas.ufl.edu/>

Pest Management in and Around Structures:

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Florida School IPM Focus- Resources

This issue covers a very important topic- Facilities IPM resources. Over the last few months many new resources have become available, some for free and some with a small fee. We would like to encourage you to take advantage of these resources. The best material developed is the material that gets put to use in the field and provides consistent results. With this in mind we would like to encourage you to use the following resources.

Success! Facilities IPM Technician Training



Wednesday February 23rd was the first statewide PMU Facilities IPM Technician Training and it was a huge success! We had 250 students attend at 14 different IFAS Extension sites. Polycom was used to deliver the lecture material, while hands-on activities were industry lead with county extension help at each of the 14 sites.

Lecturers included Paul Mitola (FDACS), Pam Mattis and Faith Oi, both from UF/IFAS. Thank you to all who pulled off this great team effort! We have been toying with this idea for a long time, but to find the right class and the right content for this novel delivery took work. It was great to see it come together under the leadership of Jennifer Leggett, Tim Brock, Allen Fugler and many others from FPMA as well as from Mike Page and Paul Mitola from FDACS. While having ideas is one thing, the actual implementation is another. We owe a special thanks to Diane Mealo, Chris Foshee, Mitch Thompson and Pam Mattis for setting up the Polycom connections with each of the county offices and RECs, setting up a practice run, and making sure that the "bridge didn't go down" while we were having our training. Using the Polycom technology saved travel costs for participants and instructors alike. We look forward to doing another workshop like this again! Keep reading Florida School IPM News for details about our upcoming events.

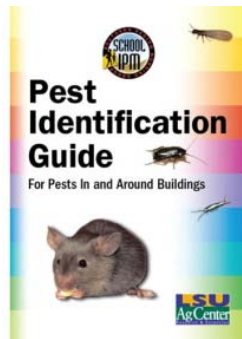
Table 1. Industry and IFAS cooperators and their locations.

FPMA Region	Industry Trainer & Company	IFAS Cooperator & Facility
1	Vanessa Ferguson; Walton Pest Control	Mari Jayne Frederick; Tropical-REC Homestead
2, 13	Paul Sugrue, Claude Thomas; Nozzle Nolen, B&G	Bill Schall; Palm Beach County Extension Office
3, 9	Tom Wisdo, Frank Miller; Impact Pest Elimination	Susan Haddock; Hillsborough County Extension Office
4	Tom Storey; Slug A Bug	Linda Seals, Sally Scalera; Brevard County Extension Office
5	Linda Prentice; Bug Out Service	Terry DelValle, Erin Harlow; Duval County Extension Office
6	Tom McPhail; Brock Pest Control	Mike Goodchild; Walton County Extension Office
7	Jimmy Miller; JP Miller & Sons Services	Mike Orfanedes; Broward County Extension Office
8	Gary Cole; Impact Pest Elimination	Millie Hernandez; Manatee County Extension Office
10	Walter Avery; Larue Pest Management Inc.	Doug Caldwell; Collier County Extension Office
11	Stephanie Shatila; Florida Pest Control & Chemical Co.	Aparna Gazula; Alachua County Extension Office
12	Billy Riley; Bryan Pest Control Inc.	Gerald Edmondson; Okaloosa County Extension Office
14	Jennifer Leggett; Lindsey Pest Services	David Marshall; Leon County Extension Office
15	Matthew Doerfeld; Pest Away Exterminators Inc.	Joseph Strickland; Hernando County Extension Office
16	Tom Jarzynka; Massey Services	Pam Mattis; Apopka MREC

Fig. 1. Alachua county group. Facilitator Stephanie Shatila.



Pest Identification Guide



The LSU AgCenter recently released a handy pocket-size guide to help with identification and control of pests in and around buildings. Titled “Pest Identification Guide for Pests In and Around Buildings,” the publication was supported with funds from the Southern Integrated Pest Management Center and was prepared by experts from the LSU AgCenter, Texas AgriLife, the University of Arkansas, Auburn University, the University of Florida and the University of Tennessee.

“This guide was designed to assist school personnel with identifying pests in and around their structures, but it can be helpful to anyone from homeowners to others with large commercial buildings,” said Dennis Ring, LSU AgCenter entomologist, who coordinated the project. “The pocket guide is designed to help anyone identify pests commonly found in and around buildings.”

The identification guide includes photos and information about various pests, such as ants, roaches, flies, rats, mice, termites, spiders, wasps, bees, bedbugs, fleas, mosquitoes, ticks and more. Diagrams and scales showing the size of some of the pests also are included to help in identification.

It is 3.5 by 5 inches in size and includes 52 full-color pages. Printed on a heavyweight coated paper and bound with a coil, the guide can be purchased for \$12 from the LSU AgCenter’s online store at <https://store.lsuagcenter.com/> or by phoning LSU AgCenter Communications at (225) 578-2263. Byline: Tom Merrill, LSU AgCenter

Now online: ABCs of IPM



Many of the people that work in schools need to learn about IPM many are English speakers but some use Spanish as their primary language. Even folks who are comfortable speaking English may prefer to learn in Spanish.

For these reasons the University of Florida Extension Service (UF/IFAS) and Texas AgriLife Extension Service have developed a video series on School IPM in English and Spanish. These videos are available online at the UF/IFAS Extension Continuing Education Solutions Website (<https://eces.ifas.ufl.edu/>) for a \$40.00 fee and they will come with a note taking guide also in English or Spanish. Successful completion of these courses will provide two Core Florida DACS CEUs for pesticide recertification. Depending on demand CEUs may become available in other states.



News!

We hope you will submit news items and would be happy to help you write a story if you have an idea but don't have the time to write up the information. This newsletter will be published as content arrives, please keep the information flowing! Please send news items to **Jennifer Gillett-Kaufman**.

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