



Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
Instructing and Profession Service
Fruit Department, Citrus Field



The Plant Council
Citrus Branch

National Course for Citrus Growers

You are invited to participate in a national course for citrus growers,

which will be held in February-April 2012
at the "Ahozat Ohalo" Hotel in the Keneret.

The course is intended for citrus growers with previous knowledge, citrus coordinators and foremen.

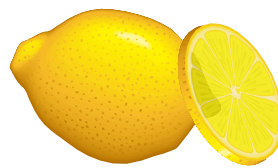
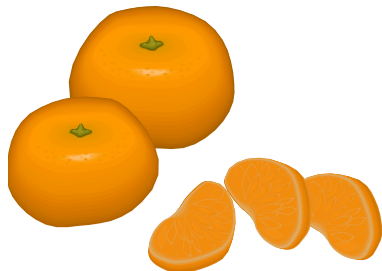
Study topics in the course

- **Soil and water** – soil characteristics and types, soil enhancement, soil survey, indices for selection of soil for a citrus grove, effect of water type over soil properties.
- **Irrigation and fertilization** – types and characteristics of water, irrigation control, treatment of irrigation systems, salination and prevention of its damages, types of fertilizers and their meaning.
- **Varieties and stock** – methods for developing new varieties, new varieties in Israel and around the world, attributes and properties of stock, reproductive material and sapling quality.
- **Growth materials and green pruning** – description of growth materials and their effect over the crop and fruit size, green pruning as a tool for regulating crops and enlargement of fruit.
- **Diseases** – viral, bacterial and fungal diseases of citrus groves, their description and coping measures.
- **Pests** – main pests: Sternorrhyncha, mites and flies in the citrus grove and their extermination, natural enemies, damage from mammals, reptiles and gastropods.
- **Types of spray dispensers, pruning and working devices in the citrus groves.**
- **Weeds and weed killing** – types of weeds and their extermination, weed killers – groups and mechanisms of operation.
- **Handling of fruit after picking** – methods for storing and keeping fruit quality, main hazards during storage, use of new technologies for treating fruit before storage.

- **Markets and economic management** – financial planning of citrus grove planting, examination of economic viability, domestic and export market overview.

A detailed syllabus will be handed out to participants on the first day of the course.

Course participants will be granted a diploma at the end of the course.



Venue and dates of the course

The course consists of 10 sessions on Wednesday, on the dates: February 22, 2012, February 29, 2012, March 7, 2012, March 14, 2012, March 21, 2012, March 28, 2012, April 4, 2012, April 18, 2012, May 2, 2012 + tour (private vehicles)

The course price

The cost of the course is **NIS 1,450** per participant. The price covers lecturer fees, written material, coffee and cakes in the morning, lunch at the hotel and hot drinks throughout the day.

Farmers who pay duties to the Plant Council – Citrus Branch, will be given a discount.

A written confirmation from the Citrus Branch of the Plant Council is required for qualifying for the discount. For this purpose, please contact Ms. Nurit Ashkenazi, tel.: 03-9595649; or Mr. Eli Biton, tel.: 03-9595662.

This confirmation is to be forwarded before registration and payment to Mr. Yossi Yosef, fax: 03-9485881.

Manner of registration

Before paying, register with Mr. Yossi Yosef, Tel.: 03-9485330.

Also, fill in the attachment below and send it to the address stated therein.

The participation fees may be paid in one of the following ways:

1. Bank transfer to the account of the Ministry of Agriculture at the Postal Bank, branch 09-001, account 66111
Please indicate in the deposit slip the name of the course, full name and mobile phone number.
2. By credit card via the payment call center: 03-9485330
3. By credit card via the government payment website (Shaham):
www.shaham.moag.gov.il
4. Sending a cash check to the address indicated in the attachment.

For 14 days from the course opening date, 30% cancellation fees will be charged; from the course opening date onward, the cancellation fee will be 100% (due to financial commitments to the hosting hotel).

**The number of places is limited. Please register early!
50 registering participants are needed to open the course.**

For inquiries and further information – the organizing team is at your service:

Shmoeili Shalom, course coordinator, tel.: 050-6241422

Falah Miri, organization coordinator, tel.: 050-6241442

-----ספח הרשמה-----

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את התשלום בסך 1,450 ₪ בצעתי באופן הבא (הקף):

1. העברה בנקאית לחשבון משרד החקלאות בבנק הדואר, סניף 09-001, חשבון 66111

2. באמצעות כרטיס אשראי דרך מוקד תשלומים: 03-9485330

3. בכרטיס אשראי באמצעות אתר שה"מ באינטרנט: www.shaham.moag.gov.il

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