

Region could produce 60 million pounds by 2027

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you will see us do some interesting things out there with different protective barriers to keep humidity around the trees," he said.

Jackson said having a deep-water well is a key requirement, as well as a reliable power source, because "electricity has a bad habit of turning off when it gets cold."

"If the pump ever quits, we would have a problem. Luckily, we are on natural gas from the City of Perry, which powers our pump. It is a critical part of the system because it is the

most reliable energy source we could come up with," Jackson said.

According to Jackson, it does not take much water for the system to provide freeze protection, as each emitter will put out 21 gallons per hour.

"This past year I ran freeze protection about eight times, and the previous year we had six days in a row that I really did not turn the pump off – except for one day when we shut it off for about an hour to check the oil and then cranked it right back up," he said.

Jackson has made Gram's Legacy a family

affair, mentioning that his grandson Simon helped mow and spread fertilizer with the tractor, while grandsons Tommy and Oliver helped pick oranges this past year and seven-year-old Jonah got to try out a backhoe, in addition to helping repair equipment "and just about every other job in the operation."

"We stuck 'Help Wanted' signs out last year and had to take them down in 36 hours because we had 10 people wanting to work," Jackson said. "These jobs are highly desirable in the neighborhood we are located."

Jackson explained the process of picking, sorting, washing and waxing the fruit, adding that the nearest packing plant is in Monticello.

"Our first local packing plant was a picnic table under an oak tree. We sorted the fruit and sold it in a corner right behind the local fish market and did pretty well," Jackson said.

Harvest will start in November and continues through mid-January, Jackson said. "Right when the latest big freeze happens."

"Up here in North Florida, the citrus actually flavors up much better when it grows in cooler climate," Jackson said. "Fresh fruit will taste more fruity up here than if it is grown down in Central or South Florida, so this actually turns out to be an excellent growing area."

"Next up, we need to build a packing plant and a distribution network here," Jackson said.

"Citrus packing plants have been established in Marianna by Cherokee Satsuma and more recently in Monticello by Florida Georgia Citrus," Jackson said. "As the regional industry continues to grow, more citrus service businesses will grow and develop."

Jackson said Ken Jones operates the new packing plant facility in Monticello. Last year it processed two million pounds of citrus, and this year it is estimated



Matt Cruce of Perry has planted 40 acres of citrus at Cruce Family Farms in the area of Hwy. 360 in Madison County. Cruce began planting in 2017 and followed up with additional citrus plantings in 2018 and 2019. According to Cruce, the first harvest is expected to be made this fall. Cruce Family Farms has planted Glen navel, Cara Cara navel, as well as Satsuma, Bingo, Tango and Shiranui varieties of mandarin oranges.



The Florida Georgia Citrus packing plant in Monticello processed some two million pounds of citrus last year. That number could grow to six million pounds this year.

UF/IFAS Extension Taylor and Madison Counties

CITRUS PRODUCTIONS PRACTICES FOR ESTABLISHING GROVES IN NORTH FLORIDA

\$20 Registration Fee

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2019
UF/IFAS Extension Taylor County
203 Forest Park Dr., Perry FL 32348
REGISTER AT tinyurl.com/Citrus-Production-NFL

The Citrus Productions Practices For Establishing Groves meeting scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 31 in Perry will include presentations from Dan Fenneman, director of UF/IFAS Extension Madison County; Gary England, director UF/IFAS Hastings Extension Center; Dr. Kevin Athearn, director of UF/IFAS North Florida Research and Education Center and more.

it could process up to six million pounds.

"By 2027, the projection is there could be 60 million pounds of fruit produced in this region based just on the amount of trees that are planted right now," Jackson said.

"The development of our operation and others in the area have received tremendous assistance from not only our local University of Florida and county extension service, but those in Madison and Jefferson counties as well," Jackson said.

Jackson said the research personnel in the UF-IFAS Live Oak and Quincy

facilities have provided quick response and support in all operational aspects of his business, ranging from water management, pesticide training and economics.

Many other agencies have provided personal and direct support, including: the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) Department of Plant Industries and Agriculture Water Quality, USDA Farm Service Agency, USDA Research and the Suwannee River Water Management District.

"The Cold-Hardy Citrus Association was formed

by regional growers to help focus the state's educational and regulatory resources to assist with the rapid growth of the industry in the region," Jackson added. "As a result of the organization's efforts, additional personnel have been added in the local research stations in Live Oak and Quincy."

"Finally, I see our grove establishment as a 50-year project," Jackson said. "While certainly I will not see the fruition – pardon the pun -- our grandchildren have the opportunity to grow and develop our operations for decades to come."

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO: 19-242-DR

Roger W. Sadousky
Petitioner, and
Maria Luisa Guerrero-Silva
Respondent,

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)

TO: Maria Luisa Guerrero-Silva, 1280 E. Cooley Dr. #20, Colton, California 92324.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Roger W. Sadousky whose address is 2244 Houck Rd, Perry, Florida 32348 on or before the 30 days from Oct. 16, 2019, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 108

N. Jefferson Street, Suite 102, Perry, Florida 32347, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

The action is asking the court to decide how the following real or personal property should be divided: none.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the address(es) on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure,

requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dates: Sept. 3, 2019
Clerk of Circuit Court
By: Terri Young
Deputy Clerk

INVITATION TO BID

The City of Perry is accepting sealed bids for labor only for putting on a metal roof. The City will furnish all materials for this project. All inquiries should be directed to Ms. Katrina Duckworth (850)584-2189. For more information regarding this bid visit the City of Perry website: www.cityofperry.net
Taylor Brown, City Manager
Alan Hall, City Mayor
10/25, 10/30

AMENDED NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR COMMERCIAL REFUSE

COLLECTION SERVICES

The Taylor County Board of County Commissioners is soliciting sealed proposals for Commercial Refuse Collection Services.

Qualified firms or individuals desiring to provide the required services must submit five (5) proposal packages in a sealed envelope or similar package marked "Sealed Proposals for Commercial Refuse Collection Services" to the Clerk of Court, 1st Floor Courthouse, 108 North Jefferson Street, Suite 102, or P.O. Box 620, Perry, Florida 32347, to arrive no later than 4:00 P.M., local time, on November 15, 2019. All proposals MUST have the respondent's name and mailing address clearly shown on the outside of the envelope or package when submitted. Proposals will be opened and respondents announced at 9:00 A.M. local time, or as soon thereafter as practical, on November 19, 2019, in the Taylor County Administrative Complex, Old

Post Office, 201 East Green Street, Perry, Florida 32347.

Proposal information MUST be obtained from the Clerk of Court, located at 1st Floor Courthouse, 108 North Jefferson Street, Suite 102, Perry, Florida 32347, (850) 838-3506, OR from the Taylor County Board of County Commissioners website at www.taylorcountygov.com.

There is a MANDATORY pre-bid conference November 6, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. in the Commission Chambers at the Taylor County Administrative Complex, 201 E. Green Street, Perry, FL 32347.

The County reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to reject any or all proposals, to cancel or withdraw this request for proposals at any time and waive any irregularities in the proposal process. The County reserves the right to award any contract to the respondent which it deems to offer the best overall service; therefore,

the County is not bound to award any contract based on the lowest quoted price. The County, in its sole and absolute discretion, also reserves the right to waive any minor defects in the process and to accept the proposal deemed to be in the County's best interest. The County, in its sole and absolute discretion, also reserves the right to assign a local business preference in a maximum amount of five (5) percent of the proposed price(s), under the conditions set forth in Ordinance 2003-12. No faxed proposals will be accepted. For additional information contact:

Gary Wambolt
Taylor County Environmental Services Department
3750 Highway 98 West
Perry, Florida 32347
(850) 838-3533
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, Taylor County, Florida.
10/25, 10/30



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