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NATIONAL SEMINAR ON “RECENT TRENDS IN PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY AND VALUE ADDITION IN ACID LIME (Citrus aurantifolia Swingle)”

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Venue: Auditorium, College of Agriculture, Bijapur, Karnataka, India

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Acid Lime : For vitamin C and Better Health
Acid Lime (Citrus aurantifolia Swingle) is one of the four commercially important citrus fruits grown in the country. Besides orange, mandarin and grapefruit, there are four commercially important species of lime viz. Citrus aurantifolia Swingle (acid lime), C. latifolia Tanaka (Tahiti lime), C. limonia (Rangpur lime) and C. limetoides (Sweet lime). Of these, two species of acid limes are commercially important. Fruits of C. aurantifolia Swingle are small and seeded while that of C. latifolia Tanaka are large and seedless. Citrus aurantifolia Swingle is commercially important in India. Acid lime is having typical fragrance, high vitamin C content, thin peel, attractive shape, size and colour of fruits. Fruits are being extensively used in daily diet, medicines, cosmetics, foods, pickles, juices (sabut), etc. Acid lime requires warm and dry climate, where as humid climate with high rainfall increases problems of citrus canker, citrus and root-knot nematodes and gummosis.

India is the second largest producer of acid lime in the world. It is being cultivated in Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Assam, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh. Karnataka is known for production of a variety of fruit crops. During 2008-09 the area under horticultural crops in Karnataka was 1.8 mha. Acid lime is one of the highly remunerative fruit crops in the state with an area of 8,975 ha. Among the 13 districts of Northern Karnataka, Bijapur and Gulbarga have maximum area under acid lime cultivation i.e., 3,017 ha and 1,075 ha with production of 75,425 tonnes and 25,615 tonnes, respectively.

Bjapur district produces quality acid lime fruits and part of the produce is exported to Gulf countries. However, the growers are facing several problems like nutrient and water management, plant protection, packing, grading, marketing and processing of acid lime. This is the appropriate time to address these problems of the acid lime growers on a single platform, wherein scientists, growers, development departments, extension workers and industrialists discuss the issues to find out the solution.

The College of Agriculture, Bijapur is located 7 km away from Bijapur city on the National Highway No. 13. Bijapur city is well connected by roads and rail to other parts of the country. The other nearest places on main rail routes are Solapur (98 Km) and Miraj (120 km). The nearest airports are Solapur (100 km), Hubli (200Km) and Belgum (220 Km). The city has mild dry climate, temperature ranging from 18°C to 32°C during August.

Apart from being the fruit bowl of the state, Bijapur district has its own importance as it was ruled by the Chalukyas, Rastrakutas, Marathas, Adil Shahis, Mughals and British. The king Adilshahi ruled the district for four centuries and left an indelible mark like the world famous Golgumbaz and Ibrahim Rouza. It is the birth place of great social reformer of 12th century Jagajothi Basaveshwar. The district has also given birth to persons of the international repute like the great scientists Bhaskaracharya and the great poet Ranna. Shivagiri, is one of the recently developed tourist place, which is well known for Lord Shiva statue. Erstwhile district (Bijapur and Bagalkot) is known for great historical places built by chalukyas in Badami taluk. The caves in Badami and temples of Pattadkal, Mahakoot and Ahole are considered to be the “Cradle of Indian temple Architecture”. The great cultural centre Kudalasangam and Alampit Dam built across the river Krishna are two recently developed tourists centres.

Invitation

The organizing Committee is pleased to invite you to participate in the National Seminar on “Recent Trends in Production Technology and Value Addition in Acid Lime” at College of Agriculture, Bijapur during August, 11-13, 2011.

The seminar includes lead lectures from eminent Horticulturists, presentation from both senior and young scientists and poster presentations on the following themes. Besides, an exclusive session is planned to address the problems being faced by acid lime growers and processing units.

Broad themes

- Crop improvement
- Nursery, use of root stocks and Canopy management
- Nutrient /water management and use of growth regulators
- Pest and disease management
- Post harvest management and value addition in acid lime
- Quality control and policy decisions in export
- Production constraints being faced by the growers
- Innovative technologies by the farmers

Abstracts are invited for the poster presentation on the broad themes mentioned above. The participants are requested to send the abstract / papers by email (limesem2011 bjip@gmail.com) and also hard copy in duplicate on A4 size paper not exceeding 300 words typed in MS word, Times New Roman, Font size 12 to the organizing Secretary on or before 15th June 2011. The acceptance of the paper will be intimated on or before 30th June 2011. The filled-in registration form along with fee and accommodation charges may be sent on or before 10th July 2011.

The abstract should indicate the title, names of authors and their affiliation (Underlining name of the presenter). Abstracts will not be accepted without registration fees. A space of 63cm x 90 cm will be provided for the poster presentation in portrait format only.