

Kyle of Florida Fertilizer & Agrichemical Association; and newly-elected secretary Michael Rogalsky of Florida Farm Bureau. Ken Barton, executive vice president of the Florida Peanut Producers Association, will serve as immediate past chairman.

### RECORD EARNINGS

Farm Credit of Florida, the largest cooperative agricultural lender in the state, earned record net income for 2014. Total net income was \$27.5 million for the year on loan volume of \$853.9 million, as of December 31, 2014. Members' equity also increased, resulting in a permanent capital ratio of 22.55 percent at year end. This record net income, combined with a strong capital position, allowed the board of directors to approve an all-cash patronage refund of approximately \$7.5 million.

### FERTILIZER OFFERING

Yara North America, Inc. broadens its fertilizer coating offerings with the introduction of YaraVita Procote, oil-based micronutrient liquid suspensions that evenly coat each fertilizer granule. By coating each fertilizer granule, there is no segregation, and dust is virtually eliminated. Procote will be available in the elements zinc, copper, manganese, boron and their combinations. YaraVita Procote will be distributed in the United States by Nachurs Alpine Solutions. 🌱

## Coming Events

Save the date for these upcoming conferences and events.

**June 10** Citrus Crop Forecast, live broadcast and website audio stream at [www.SoutheastAgNet.com](http://www.SoutheastAgNet.com) at noon

**June 17–19** Florida Citrus Industry Annual Conference, Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa, Bonita Springs, see [www.flcitrusmutual.com](http://www.flcitrusmutual.com)

**July 10** Citrus Crop Forecast, live broadcast and website audio stream at [www.SoutheastAgNet.com](http://www.SoutheastAgNet.com) at noon

**August 19–20** Citrus Expo, Lee Civic Center, North Fort Myers, see [www.CitrusExpo.net](http://www.CitrusExpo.net)

## Pokeberry or poke

*Phytolacca americana*

By Stephen H. Futch, David W. Hall and Brent Sellers

**LIFE CYCLE:** Herbaceous perennial, grows up to 9 feet tall; top dies back in winter

**LEAVES:** Alternate; stalked; leaf blade is elliptic to somewhat oval to lance-shaped, up to 11 3/4 inches long and 4 inches wide; smooth and stalked

**STEM:** Smooth, branched, easily broken, usually red but may be green

**TAPROOT:** Produces an enlarged taproot that is somewhat carrot-shaped

**FLOWER:** Borne on long cylindrical spikes from upper joints; lacks flower petals; petal-like sepals are pinkish white to green and very small; flowers in warm months

**FRUIT:** Green and turning purple to black at maturity; berry is up to one-quarter to one-half inch in size and contains 10 seeds

**PROPAGATED BY:** Seeds

**COMMENTS:** All parts of the plant are poisonous if eaten, and some parts are extremely poisonous. Some individuals will eat younger leaves, but they must be properly prepared. Birds and other wildlife prolifically spread seeds. Found in disturbed sites throughout Florida, west to Texas and north to Quebec, Ontario and Maine.

**CONTROL:** Most broadleaf pre-emergence herbicides (including simazine, diuron or indaziflam) should control emerging seedlings, but will not control mature plants. To achieve adequate control of established plants by using glyphosate, thorough coverage of the entire plant is necessary. 🌱

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