

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Welcome, and thank you for attending this short course. Our purpose in this program is to share ideas and information that have been carefully prepared to provide a sound, practical foundation for your decisions about windbreaks. Those decisions are not likely to come easy in the context of today's Florida citrus industry. There are significant questions to be answered about "costs" and the biological and financial impacts windbreaks will have on canker and possibly greening diseases. Nevertheless, as we enter a new era in our industry, there is evidence that canker management as practiced in other parts of the world is a stool with three legs: *resistant varieties, chemical tools, and windbreaks.*



The subject of the short course is windbreaks for citrus. The tone of the short course was adapted from the great Greek teacher and philosopher, Plato. He argued in his teachings that philosophy always trumped rhetoric. Philosophy is the search for truth and wisdom while rhetoric is the art of persuasion using words. It was Plato's view that philosophy was superior to rhetoric. We followed his lead in establishing the mission of this short course.

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