

# Nutrient Management Training for Technical Service Providers in Florida. (S08-mylavarapu646744-oral)

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## Abstract:

The University of Florida/Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences in collaboration with the USDA-NRCS under a contract from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is providing hands-on training course, 'the Florida Practicum' to Technical Service Providers for preparing comprehensive nutrient management plans. Specifically, the two elements in which participants will receive training are Nutrient Management and Land Treatment Practices. Trainees will have the opportunity to become Certified Specialists in these two areas. Prior to attending this course the participants should have successfully completed Water Quality and Nutrient & Pest Management (Modules 1 - 6) courses offered by the USDA-NRCS through their web site. Topics discussed include nutrient, crop and manure management principles and applications, soil and landscape features of Florida, conservation practices, the Florida Phosphorus Index, nutrient sources and losses, etc. The on-site data collected included soil survey information, field inventories and land uses, identification of sensitive areas, cropping history and rotations, and current practices and land treatments. The total number of students trained to date is 88. A copy of the course manual, student workbook and CD-ROM are distributed to all the participants. All participants evaluated the training program either good or excellent.

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