

## Research Box Tax Resolution

While this action cannot bind future commissions, it is the sense of the Florida Citrus Commission seated this day, September 16, 2009, to hereby:

- Recognize the Florida Citrus Production Research Advisory Council's service since 1991, and the efficiencies it achieved with a maximum assessment of one cent per box annually;
- Applaud the willingness of FCPRAC members to step aside and serve as an advisory committee to the newly created Florida Citrus Research and Development Foundation;
- Express the commission's understanding of the need to create a larger dedicated funding source for disease research and development by means of an increase in the maximum allowable rate of the research box tax;
- Express the commission's understanding of the need for tax neutrality as it relates to the research box tax, as all members of the FCC are growers and taxpayers;
- Support efforts to shift the disease research funding needs of the industry away from the advertising trust fund and the core advertising mission of the FDOC.