

June 25, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: Commercial Fruit Producers

FROM: Mark Sutphin, Associate Extension Agent, Horticulture

SUBJECT: **July 18, 2013** Field Tour of the research plots at the Virginia Tech Alson H. Smith Jr. Agricultural Research and Extension Center (Winchester Fruit Lab), followed by a catered meal and seasonal updates from the Extension Specialists.

Registration is required. –To ensure that you are provided with a meal, you must email me at mark.sutphin@vt.edu or call my office: (540.665.5699) before noon on Monday, July 15th.

The faculty and staff of Virginia Tech's AHS Jr. AREC and Virginia Cooperative Extension invite you to a field day on **Thursday, July 18, 2013**. In addition to a traditional twilight meeting, there will be a comprehensive tour of the research plots at the AHS Jr. AREC. Growers from throughout Virginia, as well as nearby states are invited to attend. Please note that the mealtime is earlier than in past years.

2:30pm – 5:15pm Tour of Research Orchards (Entomology, Horticulture & Pathology) – Meet at the main building
5:30pm – 7:00pm Catered Supper & Seasonal Updates – Equipment Shed

Directions: The facility is located at, **595 Laurel Grove Road, Winchester, VA 22602**. From I-81: take the Stephens City exit (Exit 307). Go west into Stephens City on Fairfax Street. Proceed straight through Stephens City onto Rt. 631 (Fairfax Street becomes Marlboro Road). Continue west on Marlboro Road for approximately 3.5 miles. When Marlboro Road dead-ends at a "T", turn right (north) onto Middle Road (Rt. 628). Proceed on Middle Road for 1.5 miles. Turn left (west) onto Laurel Grove Road (Rt. 629). Travel 0.8 miles to the AREC, which will be on your left. Parking is available in front of the building

Drs. Keith Yoder, Chris Bergh, and Greg Peck will be providing seasonal updates at dinner and will be available for discussions and concerns regarding the growing season.

Please save the date of Tuesday, August 27, 2013 for a joint Twilight Meeting with WVU Extension at Orr's Farm Market in Martinsburg, WV.

Many thanks to all of our faithful sponsors for making this event possible! Please see the reverse for a complete listing of our industry supporters.

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Mark Sutphin, Frederick County Extension, at (540) 665-5699/TDD (800) 828-1120 during business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to discuss accommodations five days prior to the event.

Invent the Future

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY

Extension is a joint program of Virginia Tech, Virginia State University, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and state and local governments.

Virginia Cooperative Extension programs and employment are open to all, regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, genetic information, marital, family, or veteran status, or any other basis protected by law. An equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.



www.ext.vt.edu

AgroFresh
Bayer CropScience, L.P.
Bowman Andros Products, LLC
Certis USA, LLC
Crop Production Services
Dow Agro Sciences
DuPont Crop Protection
First Bank & Trust
Frederick County Farm Bureau
Frederick County Fruit Growers
Gowan Company LLC
Helena Chemical Company
Knouse Foods Co-Op., Inc.
MidAtlantic Farm Credit
National Fruit Product Company
Nichino America
Peterson Farms, Inc.
Southern States
Suterra
Syngenta Crop Protection
Trece, Inc.
Valent USA
Valley Fertilizer & Chemical Company
Virginia Cooperative Extension
Virginia Farm Bureau
Winchester Equipment Company