

# Roanoke Area Fruit School

Wednesday, February 11, 2015

Brambleton Center, Room 16.

3738 Brambleton Avenue SW, Roanoke VA 24018

8:15 am – **Registration**

8:30 am – **Welcome and opening remarks.**

8:35 am – **Tall spindle orchard system in Virginia**

Greg Peck, Assistant Professor of Horticulture- Virginia Tech, Winchester

9:05 am – **Opportunities and resources for hard cider production**

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9:20 am – **Brown Marmorated Stink bug update 2015**

Chris Bergh, Professor of Entomology- Virginia Tech

9:50 am – **Refreshment break**

10:00 am – **Disease management update- Glomerella, Fire Blight, and other bad stuff**

Dr. Keith S. Yoder, Extension Tree Fruit Pathologist- Virginia Tech, Winchester

10:30 am – **Neonicotinoid insecticides and pollinators: Can impacts be mitigated?**

Doug Pfeiffer, Professor of Entomology, Virginia Tech

10:45 am – **Invasive species update: Spotted wing drosophila and spotted lanternfly**

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11:00 am – **Spray Bulletin update**

Greg Peck, Chris Bergh, and Dr. Keith Yoder

11:30 am – **Market and Industry Update**

Danny Neel- Sales and Market Development, VDACS

11:45 am – **Lunch on your own.** --There are a number of restaurants close by, or you are welcome to pack your own and eat in the meeting room.

1:00-3:00 pm – **Private Pesticide Recertification**

Kate Lawrence – Extension Agent, Botetourt

Andy Allen – Extension Agent, Craig

Jon Vest – Extension Agent, Floyd