MEMORANDUM

TO: Area Commercial Tree Fruit Growers

FROM: Mark Sutphin, Associate Extension Agent, Horticulture


DATE: January 20, 2015

The next meeting of the Winchester Regional Commercial Tree Fruit Production School will be held on Friday, February 13, 2015, at the Best Western, Lee-Jackson Inn Banquet Convention Center, Winchester. This building is located at 711 Millwood Avenue, Winchester, Virginia 22601. The program will begin at 8:25 a.m. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m.

This session will re-certify you for two years on your Virginia private pesticide license (category 90). The offering also will re-certify for West Virginia credits. In order to receive re-certification credit, you will need to sign in by 8:30 a.m. and sign out at the end of the program.

There will be a $15.00 registration fee for the event and will include lunch and morning refreshments. To ease registration the morning of the event, we are asking that you complete and return the enclosed registration form with payment (checks made payable to VCE-Frederick County) by February 6, 2015. Walk-in attendees and those not submitting pre-payment, will be charged $25.00 at the door. If you have any questions, I can be reached at the Frederick Office or by email: mark.sutphin@vt.edu.

The agenda for the meeting is included. We look forward to seeing you on February 13th.

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.

PS - Registration and agenda information is also included regarding upcoming Winter Vegetable Schools in Warrenton and Dayton.
2015 Winchester Regional Commercial Tree
Fruit Production School

February 13, 2015

Attendee Registration Form

Please return this form along with your $15.00 (per person) Attendee Registration Fee, (checks made payable to: VCE-Frederick) by February 6, 2015 to:

Virginia Cooperative Extension – Frederick County
107 North Kent Street
Winchester, VA 22601

Farm/Business Name: ____________________________

Contact Name(s): ____________________________

Additional Attendees: ____________________________

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Address: ________________________________________
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Phone: ____________________________

Email Address: ____________________________
Winchester Regional Commercial Tree Fruit Production School
February 13, 2015
Lee Jackson Conference Center, 711 Millwood Avenue, Winchester, VA 22601
Sponsored by: Virginia Cooperative Extension, WVU Extension, Frederick County Fruit Growers Assoc.

8:00 – 8:25  Registration and Pesticide Recertification Sign-in (View Exhibits and Coffee Break)
8:25 – 8:30  Welcome - Mark Sutphin, Associate Extension Agent, Horticulture - Frederick
8:30 – 9:00  Brown marmorated stink bug research update for 2015 - Chris Bergh, Professor of Entomology, Virginia Tech-Winchester
9:00 – 9:30  Disease challenges faced in 2014 and Glomerella leaf spot update - Keith Yoder, Professor of Plant Pathology, Virginia Tech-Winchester
9:30 – 10:00  Sponsor/Vendor Brag Session (New products, chemicals, improved technologies, etc.)
10:00 – 10:15  Neonicotinoid insecticides and pollinators: Can impacts be mitigated? - Doug Pfeiffer, Professor of Entomology, Virginia Tech-Blacksburg
10:15 – 10:30  Break (View Exhibits)
10:30 – 11:00  Tall spindle orchard systems in Virginia. - Greg Peck, Assistant Professor of Horticulture, Virginia Tech-Winchester
11:00 – 11:15  Opportunities and resources for hard cider production. - Greg Peck, Assistant Professor of Horticulture, Virginia Tech-Winchester
11:15 – 11:30  Invasive species update: Spotted wing drosophila and spotted lanternfly - Doug Pfeiffer, Professor of Entomology, Virginia Tech-Blacksburg
11:30 – 12:00  Herbicide application timing study in apple: What have we learned about glyphosate applications? - Rakesh Chandran, Professor and Extension Specialist, Weed Science, WVU-Morgantown
12:00 – 1:00  Lunch (View Exhibits)
1:00 – 1:45  Thinking about fresh produce food safety on the farm in light of the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act – Laura Strawn, Assistant Professor of Food Science, Virginia Tech-Eastern Shore AREC
1:45 – 2:00  FSA Program Updates – Jeanette Smith, Farm Service Agency
2:00 – 2:30  An overview of the Integrated Pest Information Platform for Extension and Education (iPiPE) – M. Mahfuz Rahman, Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist, Plant Pathology, WVU-Morgantown
2:30 – 3:00  Spray Bulletin Update
Chris Bergh, Professor of Entomology, Virginia Tech-Winchester
Rakesh Chandran, Professor and Extension Specialist, Weed Science, WVU-Morgantown
Greg Peck, Assistant Professor of Horticulture, Virginia Tech-Winchester
Keith Yoder, Professor of Plant Pathology, Virginia Tech-Winchester
3:00  Pesticide Recertification Sign-out and Adjourn (View Exhibits)
3:30  West Virginia State Horticulture Society Meeting