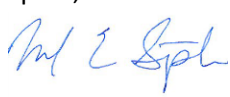


MEMORANDUM

TO: Area Commercial Tree Fruit Growers

FROM: Mark Sutphin, Associate Extension Agent, Horticulture  


SUBJECT: 2015 Winchester Regional Commercial Tree Fruit School – **February 13, 2015**

DATE: January 20, 2015

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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](mailto:mark.sutphin@vt.edu).

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

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.

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

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  
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- 3:00**              **Pesticide Recertification Sign-out and Adjourn** (*View Exhibits*)
- 3:30**              **West Virginia State Horticulture Society Meeting**

