

KTFREC News – Electronic Fruit Newsletter

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Greetings! Here is a quick update on our Winter educational events, along with a couple other important updates.

Winter Fruit School opportunities:

1) Virginia Grown Convention, January 24 – 26, 2012, Holiday Inn – Koger Center, Richmond, VA.

The Program for this event is online here: <http://www.caf.wvu.edu/kearneysville/>

2) Mid-Atlantic Fruit and Vegetable Convention, January 31 – February 2, 2012, Hershey Convention Center, Hershey, PA.

The Program for this event is online here: <http://www.caf.wvu.edu/kearneysville/>

3) Winchester area commercial fruit production school, February 10, 2012, Best Western, Lee-Jackson Inn, Winchester, VA.

The meeting will be held on Friday, February 10, 2012, at the Best Western, Lee-Jackson Inn Banquet Convention Center, Winchester, VA. This building is located at 711 Millwood Avenue.

The Program for this event is under construction... we will update you as soon as we know the details.

4) Western Maryland Regional Fruit School at WMREC in Keedysville, MD. February 23, 2012.

The program for this event is online here:

<http://www.westernmaryland.umd.edu/Pages/2012BrochureRFM.pdf>

This year our morning featured speaker is Dr. Dave Biddinger from Penn State, who will be speaking on Beneficials and Pollinators as well as Spotted Wing Drosophila. The afternoon session will start with a Fungicide and Disease Management Update by Dr. Henry Ngugi of Penn State. The rest of the afternoon will be dedicated to Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) Management. Dr. Tracy Leskey (and her team from USDA), Dr. Greg Krawczyk (Penn State), and Bryan Butler will present. There will be plenty of opportunity for input and questions from the industry. WV Pesticide Applicator License Credits will be available (see me at the meeting).

Insect Traps and Lures Ordering Update

This will be ready in a couple of weeks when the companies have completed updating their price lists.

Appreciation Expressed to Grower Education Fund Contributors

We would like to express appreciation to the following for their generous contributions to our Grower Education Fund in 2011: Knouse Foods, Winchester Equipment, Durand Wayland, Dow AgroSciences, Adams County Nursery, DuPont Corporation, Suterra, Gowan, BASF, Valent, and Crop Production Services. We appreciate your continuing support for our fruit program in West Virginia.

Other Fruit Newsletters

I encourage everyone to subscribe to Penn State's Fruit Times Newsletter, Dr. Doug Pfeiffer's Scholar resources and email listserve, and the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension email newsletters from Dr. Joe Fiola.

To subscribe to Fruit Times, **send an e-mail to:** Fruit-Times-L-subscribe-request@lists.psu.edu; no subject or message text is required. Or view Fruit Times on the Web at <http://fruittimes.cas.psu.edu>.

The new web-based *Fruit Times* recognizes your Smart Phone and automatically changes to a more easily read format so you can receive timely updates while you are in the orchard. Another valuable feature is that Penn State fruit specialists can send out recommendations as *events change in your orchards* – not just once a month! To subscribe to daily updates, please visit:

<http://extension.psu.edu/fruit-times>.

To subscribe to Dr. Doug Pfeiffer's Tree Fruit Scholar resource and email list, email Doug at dgpfeiff@vt.edu and express your interest. In addition to tree fruits, Doug also has available a Vineyard Scholar and a Berry Scholar.

To subscribe to Dr. Joe Fiola's email updates, contact him at jfiola@umd.edu. Dr. Fiola distributes a wide variety of information from many sources pertaining to commercial production of tree fruits, small fruits, grapes, and vegetables.

Let me know if you need to unsubscribe to this newsletter.

Thanks for reading!

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Individuals requesting an accommodation to a meeting because of a disability should contact one of the Extension Specialists at the WVU Kearneysville Tree Fruit Research and Education Center at (304) 876-6353 at least five days prior to the event.