

**Carroll - Patrick Fruit Growers School Agenda
Thursday, February 15, 2024
Lamburg Community Center, Lamburg, VA**

- 8:15 a.m. Registration and Pesticide Sign-In**
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions**
Ashley Edwards and Christian Taylor, VCE
- 9:05 a.m. Exploring PGRs, Rootstocks, and Breeding in Virginia Tech's Tree Fruit Program**
Sherif Sherif, Associate Professor of Horticulture, Virginia Tech-Winchester
- 9:35 a.m. Next generation of all-stage fire blight controls and how should we manage apple bitter rot/Glomerella leaf spot**
Srdjan Acimovic, Assistant Professor of Tree Fruit and Specialty Crop Pathology, Virginia Tech-Winchester
- 10:05 a.m. Emerging insect pest issues in mid-Atlantic tree fruit**
Kevin Rice, Assistant Professor of Entomology, Virginia Tech-Winchester
- 10:35 a.m. Break**
- 10:50 a.m. Produce Safety Rule Updates**
Kristina Banks, VDACS
- 11:20 a.m. Thrips species attacking fruit crops and their management**
Doug Pfeiffer, Professor of Entomology, Virginia Tech-Blacksburg
- 11:50 a.m. Spray Bulletin Update/New Chemistries: Regulatory Update and Label Changes**
Tree Fruit Extension Specialists
- 12:10 p.m. Lunch**
- 1:10 p.m. Sanitation of Tree Fruit Picking Bag Materials**
Virginia Tech Food Science and Technology
- 1:30 p.m. Virginia Pesticide Legal Update**
Jacob Odum, Pesticide Investigator, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- 2:15 p.m. Pesticide Safety: Managing Pesticide Spills**
Ashley Edwards, Carroll County VCE
- 2:45 p.m. Pesticide Recertification Sign-Out and Adjourn**