

Rappahannock - Madison Commercial Tree Fruit Production School

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Graves Mountain Lodge 205 Graves Mountain Lane, Syria, VA 22743

- 8:30** **Registration and Pesticide Recertification Sign-in** (*View Exhibits and Coffee Break*)
- 9:00** **Welcome and Introductions**
Kenner Love, Extension Agent – Rappahannock County
- 9:10** **Spray Bulletin Update/New Chemistries: Regulatory Update and Label Changes**
Tree Fruit Extension Specialists
- 9:30** **Pesticide Legal Update**
Ryan Rutherford, Pesticide Investigator, VDACS Office of Pesticide Services
- 10:15** **Exploring PGRs, Rootstocks, and Breeding in Virginia Tech's Tree Fruit Program**
Sherif Sherif, Associate Professor of Horticulture, Virginia Tech-Winchester
- 10:45** **Break** - View Exhibits and WPS
- 11:15** **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
- 11:45** **Emerging insect pest issues in mid-Atlantic tree fruit**
Kevin Rice, Assistant Professor of Entomology, Virginia Tech-Winchester
- 12:15** **Thrips species attacking fruit crops and their management**
Doug Pfeiffer, Professor of Entomology, Virginia Tech-Blacksburg
- 12:15** **Rootstock's influence on frost tolerance in apple trees is linked to shifts in soluble sugar levels in the scion's leaves and blossoms**
Amolpreet Kaur, Plant and Environmental Sciences Ph.D Candidate, Virginia Tech
- 12:45** **Worker Protection Standard Exhibit / Distribute WPS Posters and PERC Guides**
- Pesticide Recertification Sign-out and Adjourn**
- 1:00** **Lunch** (*View Exhibits*)

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