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MEMORANDUM

TO: Area Commercial Tree Fruit Growers

FROM: Mark Sutphin, Associate Extension Agent, Horticulture 

SUBJECT: **2019 Winchester Regional Commercial Tree Fruit School – February 15, 2019**

DATE: January 16, 2019

The next meeting of the Winchester Regional Commercial Tree Fruit Production School will be held on **Friday, February 15, 2019**, at West Oaks Farm Market and Event Center. This new venue is located at 4305 Middle Road, Winchester, Virginia 22602. The program will begin at 8:30 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 \$25 registration fee for the event and will include lunch and morning coffee. 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: *Treasurer, Virginia Tech*) by February 12, 2019**. Walk-in attendees and those not submitting pre-payment, will be charged \$35 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 15th.

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 5:00 p.m. to discuss accommodations five days prior to the event.

2019 Winchester Regional Commercial

Tree Fruit Production School

February 15, 2019

Attendee Registration Form

Please return this form along with your \$25.00 (per person) Attendee Registration Fee, (checks made payable to: *Treasurer, Virginia Tech*) **by February 12, 2019** 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: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

There will be a charge of \$50.00 for all returned checks.

No refunds will be processed unless we are notified prior to February 12, 2019.

Winchester Regional Commercial Tree Fruit Production School

February 15, 2019 (proposed agenda)

West Oaks Farm Market and Event Center, 4305 Middle Road, Winchester, VA 22602

- 8:00** **Registration and Pesticide Recertification Sign-in** (*View Exhibits and Coffee Break*)
- 8:30** **Welcome and Introductions**
Mark Sutphin, Extension Agent, Horticulture – Frederick County
- 8:40** **Environmental Monitoring for Listeria in Packing Facilities**
Erika Estrada, Graduate Student, Virginia Tech-Eastern Shore AREC
- 9:10** **Avoiding a Rotten Harvest: Strategies for Managing Bitter Rot in 2019**
Sara Villani, Extension Specialist, North Carolina State University
- 10:00** **Virginia Phenology and Range Expansion of Spotted Lanternfly**
Doug Pfeiffer, Professor of Entomology, Virginia Tech-Blacksburg
- 10:10** **Biology and Control of Plum Curculio**
Doug Pfeiffer, Professor of Entomology, Virginia Tech-Blacksburg
- 10:30** **Break** (*View Exhibits*)
- 11:00** **Worker Protection Standard (WPS) Update for Fruit Growers**
Micah Raub, Program Supervisor, VDACS Office of Pesticide Services
- 12:00** **Lunch** (*View Exhibits*)
- 1:00** **Sponsor/Vendor Brag Session** (*New products, chemicals, improved technologies, etc.*)
- 1:30** **Plant Growth Regulators in Apple Production: Their Applications, Efficiency, and Interactions**
Sherif Sherif, Assistant Professor of Horticulture, Virginia Tech-Winchester AREC
- 2:05** **Chemical Blossom Thinning in Apples & Using the PTGM**
Chester Allen, M.Sc. Student, Virginia Tech-Winchester AREC
- 2:15** **Internal Worm Management Revisited**
Chris Bergh, Professor of Entomology, Virginia Tech-Winchester AREC
- 2:45** **Spray Bulletin Update/New Chemistries: Regulatory Update and Label Changes**
Tree Fruit Extension Specialists
- 3:15** **Pesticide Recertification Sign-out and Adjourn** (*View Exhibits*)

