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MEMORANDUM

TO: Area Commercial Tree Fruit Growers

FROM: Mark Sutphin, Extension Agent, Horticulture 

SUBJECT: **2023 Winchester Regional Commercial Tree Fruit School – February 20, 2023**

DATE: January 26, 2023

The next meeting of the Winchester Regional Commercial Tree Fruit Production School will be held on **Monday, February 20, 2023**, at Virginia Tech’s Alson H. Smith, Jr., Agricultural Research and Extension Center (AHS AREC). This venue is located at 595 Laurel Grove Road, Winchester, Virginia 22602. The program will begin at 9:00 a.m. Registration will begin at 8:30 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 9:00 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 15, 2023**. 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](mailto:mark.sutphin@vt.edu).

The agenda for the meeting is included. We look forward to seeing you on February 20<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 5:00 p.m. to discuss accommodations five days prior to the event.

## 2023 Winchester Regional Commercial

### Tree Fruit Production School

February 20, 2023

#### 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 15, 2023** 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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Additional Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 15, 2023.

# Winchester Regional Commercial Tree Fruit Production School

Monday, February 20, 2023

Alson H. Smith, Jr., Agricultural Research and Extension Center (AHS AREC), 595 Laurel Grove Road, Winchester, VA 22602

- 8:30**            **Registration and Pesticide Recertification Sign-in** (*View Exhibits and Coffee Break*)
- 9:00**            **Welcome and Introductions**  
*Mark Sutphin, Extension Agent, Horticulture – Frederick County*
- 9:05**            **PGRs, rootstocks, and management strategies for apple and peach orchards**  
*Sherif Sherif, Assistant Professor of Horticulture, Virginia Tech-Winchester*
- 9:35**            **Apple and pear rescue options for fire blight and *Colletotrichum* species identification and management options**  
*Srdjan Acimovic, Assistant Professor of Horticulture, Virginia Tech-Winchester*
- 10:05**          **Sponsor/Vendor Brag Session** (*New products, chemicals, improved technologies, etc.; VSHS membership*)
- 10:45**          **Break** (*View Exhibits*)
- 11:05**          **Current distribution of the samurai wasp in Virginia, following releases and monitoring between 2018 and 2022**  
*Chris Bergh, Professor of Entomology, Virginia Tech-Winchester*
- 11:35**          **Introduction and AHS AREC Updates**  
*Kevin Rice, Assistant Professor of Entomology, Virginia Tech-Winchester*
- 12:00**          **Lunch** (*View Exhibits*)
- 1:00**            **1. At Risk Chemistry**  
**2. Spotted lanternfly in Virginia update**  
*Doug Pfeiffer, Professor of Entomology, Virginia Tech-Blacksburg*
- 1:30**            **Spray Bulletin Update/New Chemistries: Regulatory Update and Label Changes**  
*Tree Fruit Extension Specialists*
- 1:45**            **Pesticide Legal Update**  
*Debbie Brown, Pesticide Investigator, VDACS Office of Pesticide Services*
- 2:30**            **Economics of employing pheromone traps for codling moth control**  
*Carlos Quesada, Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist - Entomology, West Virginia University*
- 3:00**            **Produce Safety Rule Program Updates**  
*Kenny Payne, Produce Safety Specialist, VDACS Office of Dairy and Food*
- 3:10**            **Pesticide Recertification Sign-out and Adjourn** (*View Exhibits*)

