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Carroll-Patrick Fruit School

February 13, 2025

**Lambsburg Community Center
130 Learning Lane, Lambsburg, VA 24351**

Registration: 8:15 am

Program: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

\$20

*per person,
includes
lunch*

RSVP by Jan 30

**VA Private Pesticide Recertification
Credits Available - Must attend until
3:00 pm**

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**Carroll - Patrick Fruit Growers School Agenda
Thursday, February 13, 2025
Lamburg Community Center, Lamburg, VA**

- 8:15 a.m. Registration and Pesticide Sign-In**
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions**
Ashley Edwards, VCE
- 9:05 a.m. Reflection on Seven Years of Tree Fruit Horticulture Research at Virginia Tech: Lessons Learned and Future Horizons**
Sherif Sherif, Associate Professor of Horticulture, Virginia Tech-Winchester
- 9:50 a.m. Why Fire Blight and Bitter Rot Wreak Havoc and Changes to Spray Programs Going Forward**
Srdjan Acimovic, Assistant Professor of Tree Fruit and Specialty Crop Pathology, Virginia Tech-Winchester
- 10:35 a.m. Break**
- 10:45 a.m. Emerging Issues in Entomology and Potential Novel Solutions**
Kevin Rice, Assistant Professor of Entomology, Virginia Tech-Winchester
- 11:30 a.m. Spray Bulletin Updates/New Chemistries: Regulatory Update and Label Changes**
Tree Fruit Extension Specialists
- 12:00 p.m. Produce Safety Rule – Water Rule Updates**
Kristina Banks, VDACS
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch**
- 1:15 p.m. Balancing the scales: Scale management in fruit crops**
Doug Pfeiffer, Professor of Entomology, Virginia Tech-Blacksburg
- *Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification Option***
- 2:00 p.m. Pesticide Legal Update**
Jacob Odum, Pesticide Investigator, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- 2:45 p.m. Reducing Pesticide Exposure with PPE**
Ashley Edwards, VCE
- 3:00 p.m. Pesticide Recertification Sign-Out and Adjourn**

**You must stay for the entire afternoon pesticide recertification program and complete the subsequent paperwork to receive recertification credit.*