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Central Virginia Commercial Tree Fruit Production School

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

The Nelson Center – 8445 Thomas Nelson Highway, Lovingsston, VA

- 8:30** **Registration and Pesticide Recertification Sign-in** (*View Exhibits and Coffee Break*)
- 9:00** **Welcome and Introductions**
Kim Bryant, Extension Agent, ANR – Nelson County
- 9:05** **Reflections 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** **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** **Sponsor/Vendor Presentations** (*New products, chemicals, improved technologies, etc.; VSHS membership*)
- 10:55** **Break** (*View Exhibits*)
- 11:15** **Emerging issues in entomology and potential novel solutions**
Kevin Rice, Assistant Professor of Entomology, Virginia Tech-Winchester
- 12:00** **Lunch** (*View Exhibits*)
- 12:45** **Pesticide Safety**
Jennifer Ligon, Extension Agent, ANR – Buckingham County
- 1:15** **Balancing the scales: Scale management in fruit crops**
Doug Pfeiffer, Professor of Entomology, Virginia Tech-Blacksburg
- 2:00** **Break** (*View Exhibits*)
- 2:15** **Spray Bulletin Update/New Chemistries: Regulatory Update and Label Changes**
Tree Fruit Extension Specialists
- 2:45** **Pesticide Legal Update**
Eric Pratt, Pesticide Investigator, VDACS Office of Pesticide Services
- 3:30** **Pesticide Recertification Sign-out and Adjourn** (*View Exhibits*)

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