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MEMORANDUM

TO: Area Commercial Tree Fruit Growers

FROM: Mark Sutphin, Extension Agent, Horticulture 

SUBJECT: **2025 Winchester Area Commercial Tree Fruit School – February 10, 2025**

DATE: January 13, 2025

The next meeting of the Winchester Regional Commercial Tree Fruit Production School will be held on **Monday, February 10, 2025**, 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 will also 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 5, 2025**. 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 VCE-Frederick Office or by email: mark.sutphin@vt.edu.

The agenda for the meeting is included. We look forward to seeing you on February 10th.

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.

2025 Winchester Area Commercial

Tree Fruit Production School

February 10, 2025

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 5, 2025** 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: _____

List any Dietary Restrictions: _____

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

No refunds will be processed unless we are notified prior to February 5, 2025.

Winchester Area Commercial Tree Fruit Production School

Monday, February 10, 2025

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** **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 Brag Session** (*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 Wheel of Safety**
Mark Sutphin, Extension Agent, Horticulture – Frederick 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**
Ryan Rutherford, Pesticide Investigator, VDACS Office of Pesticide Services
- 3:30** **Pesticide Recertification Sign-out and Adjourn** (*View Exhibits*)

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