



Preseason Tree Fruit Meeting

8/9am – 4:00pm, Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Room 170, Univ. Southern Maine / Lewiston Auburn College,

51 Westminster Street, Lewiston ME

Attendance qualifies for 3 pesticide applicator recertification credits.

Preregistration is NOT required. The \$30 registration fee is due at the door, but is waived for two people per member farm of the Maine State Pomological Society if dues are paid prior to the meeting. Membership dues will be accepted at the meeting but will not qualify for the registration fee waiver. In case of bad weather, we will follow the University of Southern Maine weather hotline announcement at 207-780-4800.

- 8:00am **Registration, Coffee, Meet & Greet**
- 8:50am **Introduction.** Glen Koehler, University of Maine Cooperative Extension
- 9:00am ***Fungicide retention, redistribution, and effective timing against apple scab***
Vincent Phillion, Res. and Dev. Institute for the Agri-Environment, Quebec, CAN
- 9:45am **Apple cultivar DNA identification update.** John Bunker, Super Chilly Farm
- 10:00am ***Peach cultivar and hardiness trial at Highmoor Farm***
Dr. Renae Moran, University of Maine Cooperative Extension
- 10:30am **Break**
- 10:45am ***Apple scab fungicide effective vs. label dose***
Vincent Phillion
- 11:15am ***New tools for orchard management***
Trevor Hardy, Brookdale Fruit Farm & Brookdale Farm
- 11:45am **Maine State Pomological Society**
- 12:00pm **Lunch.** Pizza, salad, beverage from Sam's Italian Foods.
- 12:30pm ***Reflections on 50 years of change in apple pest management & future challenges***
Dr. David Rosenberger, Plant Pathologist and Professor Emeritus
Cornell University's Hudson Valley Lab, Highland, NY
- 1:15pm ***Alternative materials for fire blight blossom and shoot blight suppression***
Vincent Phillion
- 1:45pm ***Apple management tools: Ag-Radar, Cultivar database, Pesticide Cost per Dose***
Glen Koehler
- 2:00pm **Break**
- 2:30pm ***Novel shallow wells and increasing Maine farm resilience against extreme weather***
Dr. Rachel Schattman, UMaine School of Food and Agriculture
- 3:00pm **Ag supplier update** – Fred Daigle, Nutrien
- 3:15pm ***Board of pesticides control update***
John Pietroski and/or Alexander Peacock; Maine Board of Pesticides Control
- 3:45pm **Adjourn**