Maine Apple Newsletter
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Meetings

   A Risk Management Seminar for Orchardists
   Date: Saturday, November 12, 2011
   9:30 am to 3:15 pm
   Registration at 9:00 am
   Location: UNH Cooperative Extension -Hillsborough County Complex
   329 Mast Road, Goffstown, New Hampshire

   The original registration deadline was November 8, but I’ve spoken with the meeting
   organizer (George Hamilton UNH) to confirm that Maine growers are welcome and that you can
   register until Thursday, November 10 (office will be closed Nov. 11).
   Send e-mail Marlene Turcotte at marlene.turcotte@unh.edu, or call (603) 641-6060
   Cost is $12.00 per individual for lunch and refreshments. Fee can be paid at the door

   PROGRAM
   9:00  Registration
   10:00 New and Emerging Insect Problems for 2012. Alan Eaton.
   10:30 My Concerns about Growing Honeycrisp and 2011 Growing Season
         from My Prospective. Bill Lord, Fruit Specialist Emeritus, UNH Cooperative Extension
   12:15 Hot Lunch – Meat or Vegetable Lasagna, Garden Salad, Bread, Dessert, and Beverages
   1:00 Farm Business Update and What’s New! Michael Sciabarrasi, UNH Extension Specialist
   1:15 What Should We Be Planning to Do for Controlling Apple Scab? Bill MacHardy, Plant
       Pathologist Emeritus, UNH.
   2:15 Update from the NH Dept. Ag. - Division of Regulatory Services and GAP Inspection.
       Thomas Sloan, Agricultural Inspector, NHDAM&F
   2:30 H2A Labor Situation Update. Joe Young, New England Apple Council
   3:15 Adjourn
   Attendance qualifies for 3 Maine Pesticide Applicator Recertification Credits

2) The New England Vegetable & Fruit Conference and Trade Show on December
   13–15, 2011 at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester, NH. You can register online at
   www.newenglandvfc.org/. Rooms at the Radisson are sold out, but there are rooms available
   at other hotels/motels in Manchester.
3) **Maine State Pomological Society winter meeting** at the Maine Ag Trade Show  
**Wednesday, January 11, Augusta Civic Center**  
Program not finalized, but this is close  
8:30-9: Registration  
9-10: Business meeting/Election of officers  
10-10:15 Break  
10:15-12 Invited speakers  
  - AgMatters Grant Update – Linda Titus, Individualized IPM Plans – Glen Koehler.  
12-12:30: Renae Member discussion.  
This meeting probably good for 1 pesticide applicator recertification credit.  
Also at the Trade Show: Apple IPM Update at 1pm. 1 recertification credit.

4) **Preseason Apple Grower Meeting**. **March 14, Highmoor Farm, Monmouth Maine.**  
9am – 3:30pm. Program not set yet, but we have arranged for guest speaker Starker Wright, of the USDA ARS Lab in Kearneysville, WV to give presentations on  
* New Methods for Plum Curculio, Apple Maggot, Dogwood Borer; and  
* Dealing with Brown Marmorated Stink Bug in the MidAtlantic.  
Other presentations will include:  
* Horticultural Updates – Renae Moran,  
  - What USDA Pesticide Residue Testing Found on Apples – Glen Koehler  
  * Crop insurance update.  
Several pesticide applicator recertification credits expected.

5) **2nd International Organic Fruit Research Symposium**  
“**Organic Fruit 2012: From Research to Practice”**  
**June 18-21, 2012 in Leavenworth, Washington**  
A forum for researchers, extension professionals, growers and consultants, suppliers, and retailers who wish to share the latest developments in the worldwide organic fruit supply chain. Research presentations will dominate (through Confirmed speakers include Dr. Franco Weibel (organic fruit in Europe), Dr. Imre Holb (plant pathology challenges), Dr. Charles Benbrook (impacts of organic fruit systems), and Dr. Robert Prange (post-harvest and human nutrition issues). The U.S. market for organic fruits will also be discussed. Participation is encouraged for all types of organic fruit – pome and stone, berries, grapes and citrus, temperate to tropical.  
A tour of local organic farms and fruit companies will be offered. Washington State is successfully producing organic fruit, with organic apples comprising nearly 10% of the area of all commercial apples in the state.  
We encourage you to submit an abstract for an oral or poster presentation by December 15, 2011. Check the symposium web site for further details as they become available  
http://www.tfrec.wsu.edu/pages/organicfruit2012/
Fall sanitation

Sanitation to reduce overwintering scab inoculum can reduce infection pressure next spring by as much as 97%. This results in better scab control next spring, reduced chance of fungicide resistance, in blocks with measured low inoculum allows for a later start on scab protection, and helps suppress leafminer.

The best coverage for urea sprays (43 lbs. urea per 100 gallons water) is while leaves are still on the tree. The nitrogen in the urea facilitates greater breakdown of leaves over the winter, it also strengthens bud nutrient reserves for growth next spring. Urea can also be applied to leaves on the ground after leaf fall, either in fall or in the spring. Flail mowing can also be done in the fall or spring. The added advantage of waiting until spring to do flail mowing is that by then the scab spore capsules have oriented towards the upper side of the leaf. Mowing randomly flips many of the remaining leaf pieces so that scab spores will be released downward and thus not be carried by air currents onto apple foliage. The trade-off for waiting is that persistent snow cover or wet soil may prevent use of a flail mower before bud break next spring.

Crop Insurance

See the letter attached to this email about recordkeeping requirements to qualify for fresh apple production coverage.

Closing Words

"It is so conceited and timid to be ashamed of one's mistakes. Of course they are mistakes. Go on to the next."

- Brenda Ueland

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Orchard Radar weather and pest tracking models at http://pronewengland.org/AllModels/DecisionModels.htm

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