



## Maine Tree Fruit Newsletter

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### Preseason Tree Fruit Meeting Webinars

The first of three weekly Wednesday webinars to replace the cancelled Preseason Tree Fruit Meeting is tomorrow, Wednesday, March 18.

You can log onto the Zoom meeting site starting at 11:30am, with the presentation starting at 12pm. You will be able to comment and ask questions through a chat box.

To Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://maine.zoom.us/j/132684553>

To view the webinar will require downloading a free Zoom application onto your device.

To join by telephone:

US: +1 646 876 9923 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 408 638 0968 or +1 669 900 6833 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 301 715 8592

**Meeting ID: 132 684 553**

**Yes, there will be TWO pesticide applicator recertification credits for each webinar.**

Here's how it will work. The Board of Pesticides Control has to maintain credibility that people receiving training are actually paying attention. So, several times during the webinar I will pose a simple question about what is being talked about. The question will be easy, it is just to document that people are paying attention. People who want to receive recertification credits will need to send a reply in the chat box (add your name in the chat box reply if you are logged into the webinar under some other name). I will send the names of people that made the effort to show they were watching the webinar to the BPC.

Schedule: **Preseason Tree Fruit Meeting WEBINARS**

**Wednesdays, March 18, March 25, & April 1 2020**

Preregistration NOT required. Webinars are free.

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<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Wednesday, March 18, 2020</b>	
Introduction		12:00 PM
<b>Vincent Philion</b> Agroenvironment Research and Development Institute, Quebec	<b><i>Fire Blight Management with Growth Regulators and Biopesticides</i></b>	12:15 PM
Q&A		1:00 PM
<b>Vincent Philion</b>	<b><i>Tower sprayers Make Sense and Save Dollars</i></b>	1:15 PM
Q&A		1:45 PM
Adjourn		2:00 PM

<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Wednesday, March 25, 2020</b>	
Introduction		12:00 PM
<b>Vincent Philion</b> Agroenvironment Research and Development Institute, Quebec	<b><i>New Insights on Apple Scab Biology and Fungicide Protection</i></b>	12:05 PM
Q&A		1:00 PM
<b>Dr. Renae Moran</b> University of Maine Cooperative Extension and Maine Agricultural Experiment Station.		1:15 PM
Q&A		1:45 PM
Adjourn		2:00 PM

Week 3		Wednesday, April 1, 2020
Introduction		12:00 PM
<b>Jon Clements</b> University of Massachusetts	<i>Innovations in Orchard Monitoring Technologies</i>	12:05 PM
<b>Dr. Leslie Forstadt,</b> UMaine Cooperative Extension - Director, Maine Agricultural Mediation Program.	<i>Farm families, Transition, &amp; How to Communicate in Difficult Conversations</i>	12:50 PM
Q&A with Jon and Leslie		1:30 PM
<b>Earl Bunting</b> Doles' Orchard, President Maine State Pomological Society.	<i>Maine State Pomological Society update</i>	1:45 PM
Adjourn		2:00 PM

## COVID-19 Response

Information from North Carolina State University recommended by Highmoor Farm staff about COVID-19 response.

### Farmers Market COVID-19 info sheet:

[https://foodsafety.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Farmers-Market\\_COVID-19\\_031320.pdf?fwd=no](https://foodsafety.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Farmers-Market_COVID-19_031320.pdf?fwd=no)

### U-Pick Farms COVID-19 info sheet:

[https://foodsafety.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/U-Pick-Farms\\_COVID-19\\_031620.pdf?fwd=no](https://foodsafety.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/U-Pick-Farms_COVID-19_031620.pdf?fwd=no)

### NC State Food Safety Webpage:

<https://foodsafety.ces.ncsu.edu/covid-19-resources/>

## Closing Words

"Sometimes the lights all shining on me, other times I can barely see.  
Lately it occurs to me... what a long strange trip it's been."

~ Jerry Garcia

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