



**Tree Fruit
 IPM**

Maine Tree Fruit IPM Newsletter

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Preseason Tree Fruit Meeting

8am – 4:00pm, Tuesday, March 19, 2024

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, Meet & Greet**
- 8:30am **Maine tree fruit IPM update**
 Glen Koehler, University of Maine Cooperative Extension
- 9:00am **New insights on the biology of fire blight bacteria**
 Dr. Quan Zeng, Connecticut Agricultural Research Station
- 9:30am **Application considerations for harvest extension with Harvista and ReTain**
 Dr. Andy Vega, New England Fruit Consultants
- 10:00am **Virus Diseases in tree fruit: impacts, diagnosis, prevention**
 Dr. Alicyn Smart, University of Maine Extension Plant Disease Laboratory
- 10:30am **Break**
- 10:45am **Fire blight prevention and suppression strategies**
 Dr. Quan Zeng, Connecticut Agricultural Research Station.
- 11:15am **Opportunities and Constraints for Northeast Tree Fruit Growers**
 Dr. Andy Vega, New England Fruit Consultants
- 11:45am **Maine State Pomological Society update**
 Sam Ricker, President
- 12:00pm **Lunch.** Pizza and salad from Sam’s Italian Foods, beverages.
- 12:45pm **Food Safety Update**
 Lindsay Werner, Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.
- 1:00pm **Apple Cultivar DNA identification update**
 John Bunker, Super Chilly Farm, Out on a Limb CSA, MOFGA, FedCo.

- 1:15pm **10-year rootstock trial summary, Pruning Tips**
Dr. Renae Moran, University of Maine Cooperative Extension
- 1:45pm **New Tools for Orchard Management**
Trevor Hardy, Brookdale Fruit Farm & Brookdale Farm; Anthony Tasselli, Toro
- 2:30pm **Break**
- 2:45pm **Increasing Maine farm resilience against extreme weather + Q&A**
Dr. Rachel Schattman, UMaine School of Food and Agriculture
- 3:30pm **Board of Pesticides Control Update**
John Pietroski; Board of Pesticides Control, Maine Dept. Agric., Cons., & For.
- 4:00pm **Adjourn**

Closing Words

The English translation does not rhyme like the German original, but it gets the point across!

<p>Eines mußt Du stets Dir merken, wenn Du schwach bist: Äpfel stärken!</p> <p>Äpfel sind die beste Speise für zu Hause, für die Reise, für die Alten, für die Kinder, für den Sommer, für den Winter, für den Morgen, für den Abend. Äpfel essen ist stets labend!</p> <p>Äpfel glätten Deine Stirn, bringen Phosphor ins Gehirn, Äpfel geben Kraft und Mut und erneuern Dir Dein Blut.</p> <p>Darum Freund, so laß Dir raten: Esse frisch, gekocht, gebraten täglich ihrer fünf bis zehn.</p> <p>Wirst nicht dick, doch jung und schön, und kriegst Nerven wie ein Strick. Mensch – im Apfel liegt Dein Glück !!</p>	<p>You must always remember one thing, When you are weak: Apples strengthen!</p> <p>Apples are the best fare for home, for travel, for the elders, for the children, for the summer, for the winter, for the morning, for the evening. Eating apples is always refreshing!</p> <p>Apples smooth your forehead, and bring phosphorus to the brain. Apples give strength and courage and renew your blood.</p> <p>Therefore, friend, be advised: Eat them fresh, boiled, fried. Five to ten of them daily.</p> <p>You won't get fat, but young and beautiful, and you will get nerves like a rope. People – in the Apple lies your Happiness!!</p> <p style="text-align: right;">~ Author unknown</p>
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If you need a reasonable accommodation, please contact Glen Koehler, UMaine Extension Pest Management Unit, at glen.koehler@maine.edu, 207-581-3882 at least 10 weekdays before the event. If requests are received after this date, we may not have sufficient time to make necessary arrangements.