

WSU Extension Orchard Update

There are five North Central Washington traditional "Horticultural Days" where you may hear current topics covering subjects vital to your tree fruit business. Pest management seems more critical each season, and there are new pests to talk about this year. However, horticultural and business management are as critical as insects, diseases and weeds, and these "hort" meetings are a cost effective, quick and relatively rare opportunity to find out what is occurring in these fields.

Most of the fruit horticultural days are free of charge, as expenses are covered by the Chelan High School FFA (Chelan), NCW Fieldmans' Association (Apple), the Pear Bureau and the Washington Fruit Commission (Stone Fruits). There will be a trade show at all of the horticulture days listed below. Everyone is welcome; please attend and thank our co-sponsors and trade show participants.



A special note: The Spotted Wing Drosophila, or (Spotted Wing Vinegar Fly) was discussed at last winter's stone fruit meeting. It is not expected to be a significant pest in apples and pears, but will be a threat to many other tree fruits and berries. This new and important pest developed high populations throughout central Washington this summer and fall. We cannot predict how SWD will act next year, but it is possible that the 2010 season was a building season for this new pest, so everyone growing potential hosts will need to watch for and manage this pest for the full 2011 season. Organic pest control will be significantly changed. This pest can be controlled in our orchards, but only if we are prepared and informed. We expect to cover this pest in detail at most meetings other than the Apple and Pear Days.

Lake Chelan Horticultural Day, January 17. Apple, Pear and Cherry horticulture and pest management. Performing Arts Center, Chelan High School, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, 2 credits

North Central Washington Apple Day, January 18. Apple horticulture and pest management. Wenatchee Convention Center, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, 2 credits

North Central Washington Pear Day, January 19. Pear horticulture, business and pest management. Wenatchee Convention Center, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, 2 credits

North Central Washington Stone Fruit Day, January 20. Cherry (mostly) horticulture and pest management. Wenatchee Convention Center, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, 2 credits

Okanogan Horticultural Day, February 2. Apple, Pear and Cherry horticulture and pest management. Okanogan County Agriplex, (Co. Fair Grounds) 9:00 am - 3 pm, 2 credits

Other IPM Meetings:

WSU offers a number of other opportunities to advance your pest management skills at smaller local meetings, some held in the evening for those who find it difficult to attend during the day. These are detailed on the reverse.

Please also note the February 25 and March 15 Spanish Language evening Pest Management Workshops WSU Extension is offering this year. Details are in the list of other meetings on the other side of this page.

LOCAL PEST MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS AND PRE-LICENSE TRAINING

The IPM Workshops cover various topics and are presented by
Tim Smith, WSU Extension, Wenatchee Valley College Facility Co-sponsor

The number and location of the evening IPM meetings have been changed because the Lyceum room at Wenatchee Valley College is not available. The Confluence Technology Center is on Technology Center Way, which is off of E. Penny Road, accessed from Easy Street on the west, or Euclid Ave. on the east. It is a large building set apart from other structures.

- ◆ January 6, 2011, 6:00 - 8:00 pm Pest Management Workshop 2 credits
Confluence Technology Center
285 Technology Center Way, Wenatchee
- ◆ January 24, 2011, 9:00 am - noon Pest Management Workshop 3 credits
Oroville Depot
- ◆ January 25, 2011, 6:00 - 8:00 pm Pest Management Workshop 2 credits
Confluence Technology Center
285 Technology Center Way, Wenatchee
- ◆ February 8, 2011, 6:00 - 8:00 pm Pesticide License Pre-test Training **No credits**
Wen. Valley College, 1300 5th Street, **(Test Prep**
Wenatchee Hall, (basement) Room 2106 **Only)**
(bring a calculator)
- ◆ February 25, 2011, 5:30 -7:30 pm **Spanish** Pest Management Workshop 2 credits
Okanogan PUD Auditorium,
1321 2nd Avenue North, Okanogan
- ◆ March 15, 2011, 6:00 - 8:00 pm **Spanish** Pest Management Workshop 2 credits
Wen. Valley College, 1300 5th Street,
Wenatchee Hall, (basement) Room 2106

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