

Michigan Spring Peach Update

Tuesday March 10, 2015

*At the Southwest Michigan Research and Extension Center,
1791 Hillandale Road, Benton Harbor, Michigan.*



Here is how to find new ways to improve your profitability. Come to the Michigan 2015 Spring Peach Update—a whole day meeting with educational sessions and discussions on growing, packing and marketing high quality peaches.

Topics at this conference include managing invasive insects, new fungicides, disease control, new orchard establishment methods, tree training, blossom thinning, and finding new peach trees.

Guest speakers include Jim Schupp of Penn State University, Kay Rentzel of the National Peach Council, Rich Eshleman of Eshleman Fruit Farms, Mike Haas of the MSU Dept of Entomology, Leo Steffens of Peterson Farms Inc, David Ritchie of North Carolina State University, Joe Herman of Herman Orchards, Ed Czuba of Czuba Fruit Farms, Scott Phelps of Gold Coast Orchards, Matt Moser of Moser Tree Sales, Wanda Gale of Summit Tree Sales, and Bill Shane of Michigan State University.

Specific topics include:

- Grower panel on methods to get young peach orchards off to the best start.
- Update on processing peaches
- Free standing Y training systems
- Nursery sources, trends, inventories, and bottlenecks for current and new peach and nectarine trees
- Managing strategies for oriental fruit moth.
- Update on the brown marmorated stink bug.
- Understanding and managing bacterial spot disease in peaches and nectarines
- Update on current regional winter damage to peaches
- Prospects for new rootstock for peaches and how they work in high density systems
- Update on the MSU peach breeding program



2015 Spring Peach Meeting Details

The door opens at 8:00 AM for registration, refreshments, and pre-meeting socializing. The educational program begins at 9:00 AM and concludes at 5:00 PM. Registration materials and receipts will be at the registration desk. Registration fee covers refreshments, catered lunch, educational program, and handout materials.

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Attendees will be eligible to receive Michigan Pesticide Applicator recertification credits for renewal of their license.

*For further meeting information
contact the conference coordinator*

Dr. Bill Shane

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269-208-1652

For out of area visitors, lodging is available nearby at Benton Harbor / St Joseph / Stevensville I-94 exits 23, 27, 28 and 29.

Lodging options include:

Comfort Inn (269-428-4888), (269-925-1880)

Comfort Suites (269-925-8800)

Holiday Inn Express (269-927-4577)

Motel 6 (269-925-5100)

Days Inn and Suites (269-934-5457)

Hampton Inn (269-429-0253)

Red Roof Inn (269-927-2484)

Courtyard Benton Harbor (269-925-3000) Holiday Inn Express (269-982-0004)

Baymont Inn and Suites (269-428-9111)



This meeting is brought to you by the Michigan Peach Sponsors, Michigan State University, and the Michigan Horticultural Society

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- Registration Form -

enter number _____ cost per person _____

_____ 2015 Mich Peach Sponsor member----- \$30*

_____ non member----- \$35*

Total \$ _____

Name _____

Business _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zipcode _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Names for nametags _____

*Add \$5 per person for registrations mailed after
March 1 or with registration at door.

Make checks or money orders (U.S. funds) payable to: Michigan Peach Sponsors. Mail by March 1st for lower cost (after this time, cost is \$5 more per person)

mail to:

Spring Peach Conference 2015

SW Michigan Research and Extension Center

1791 Hillandale Rd, Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Directions to the Spring Peach Meeting at the SW Michigan Research and Extension Center

Travel on I-94 to exit 30 (Napier Avenue). Turn east on Napier and go 2 1/2 miles to Hillandale Road. Turn south (right) and travel to the entrance to SWMREC (about 1/4 mile on the east (left) side of Hillandale Road).

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For additional directions call
269-944-1477 extension 201

