

Michigan Spring Peach Update - Tuesday March 10, 2015

Jordan B. Tatter Conference Center of 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 new, peach tree availability.

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.

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 4:30 PM.

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



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)*

Attendees will be eligible to received Michigan Pesticide Applicator recertification credits toward the renewal of their license.



Spring Peach Meeting - 2015 - Registration Form -

enter number _____ cost per person _____

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

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

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Names for nametags _____

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Make checks or money orders (U.S. funds)
payable to: Michigan Peach Sponsors. Mail
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SW Michigan Research and Extension Center
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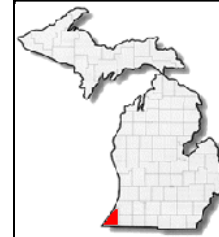
Registration materials and receipts
will be at the registration desk. Regis-
tration fee covers refreshments, ca-
tered lunch, educational program, and
handout materials.

For further meeting information
contact the conference coordinator
Dr. Bill Shane
email: shane@msu.edu
269-208-1652

Please send in your registration in advance
to save money, to help us plan and to speed
your way when you arrive at the door.

Registration covers catered lunch,
handouts and coffee break refreshments.

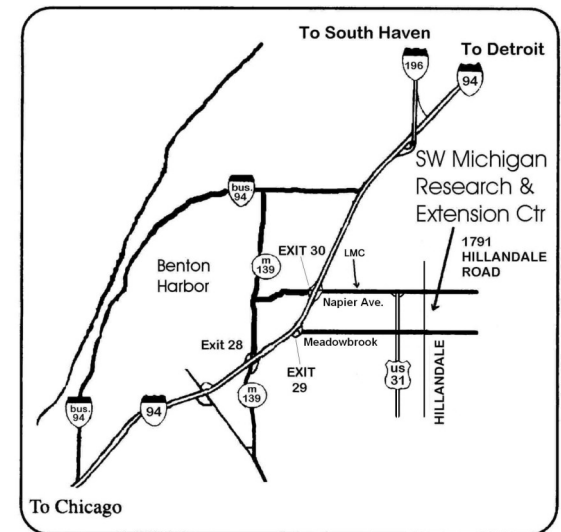
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Directions to the Spring Peach Meeting at the SW Michigan Research and Extension Center

Travel on I-94 to exit 30 (Napier Ave-
nue). 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).

For additional directions call
269-944-1477 ext 201



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