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Northern Michigan FruitNet 2011 *Special Announcements* NW Michigan Horticultural Research Station

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PESTICIDE APPLICATOR REVIEW & TEST DATES

Please mark your calendar for this year's pesticide applicator review and test.

December 12th at the Banks' Township Hall, Ellsworth (Antrim Co.)

December 15th at the NW MI Horticultural Research Station

9:00-12:00	Review of the Core Manual Materials
12:00-1:00	Lunch on your own
1:00-3:00	Certification tests will be offered by MDA

USDA NASS to CONDUCT MICHIGAN FRUIT ACREAGE INVENTORY

The last Michigan Fruit Inventory was conducted in 2006 and "provides information on the changes in fruit acreage, varieties, rootstocks and spacings in orchards, vineyards, blueberry, strawberry, and bramble fields. Questions on neglected orchards, planting intentions, direct marketing efforts, and organic production are also included." Funding for this survey is being provided through USDA's Specialty Crop Block Grant Program administered by the Michigan Dept of Agriculture and Rural Development.

It is requested that growers have their records ready to allow for a quick and accurate completion of the requested data. Individual grower information is **strictly confidential**, and individual reports are only used to arrive at aggregate estimates.

By completing the survey promptly, you will help to keep the cost down and will also become eligible for a big screen TV that the Michigan State Hort Society is offering. To be eligible for the drawing, your tree survey needs to be returned by **December**.

For more information, go to http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Michigan/Publications/Current_News_Release/index.asp and select news release for October 7, 2011.

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Trapline Counts from the NW Michigan Horticultural Research Station

<http://aqbioresearch.msu.edu/nwmihort/trapcount.htm>

Insect and disease predictive information is available at:

<http://enviroweather.msu.edu/homeMap.php>

60 Hour Forecast

<http://www.aqweather.geo.msu.edu/aqwx/forecasts/fcst.asp?fileid=fous46ktvc>

Information on cherries is available at the new cherry website:

<http://www.cherries.msu.edu/>

Fruit CAT Alert Reports

<http://www.ipmnews.msu.edu/fruit/>

This issue and past issues of the weekly FruitNet report are posted on our website at:

<http://aqbioresearch.msu.edu/nwmihort/faxnet.htm>

[ACTUAL AND PREDICTED DEGREE-DAY
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