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## November 2000 Regional Fruit Newsletter

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### 2000

- 11/9 [Microtel/Telfarm Workout Session](#)  
Grand Traverse MSUE, 9 am-4 pm
- 11/10 [Farm Income Tax Session](#)  
NWMHRS, 1:00 pm
- 12/5-7 [Michigan State Hort Show](#)  
Amway Grand Ctr., Grand Rapids
- 12/12 [Pesticide Certification Review and Test](#)  
Twin Lakes Camp
- 12/14 [Pesticide Certification Review and Test](#)  
Banks Township Hall in Ellsworth

#### 2001

- 1/22 National Cherry Growers & Industries  
Foundation Annual Meeting  
Grand Traverse Resort
- 1/23-24 NW Michigan Orchard Show  
Grand Traverse Resort
- 2/1-2 Organic Fruit School  
Clarksville Hort Expt Station
- 2/5-7 MSU Tree Fruit IPM School  
Kellogg Biological Station
- 2/18-21 IDFTA  
Grand Rapids
- 3/13-14 Benzie/Manistee Hort Show  
Crystal Mountain Resort

#### **RECORD KEEPING WORKOUT FOR TELFARM/MICROTEL**

Jim Bardenhagen,  
Leelanau County Extension Director

A record keeping workout session for the Telfarm/Microtel Accounting & Payroll clients has been scheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm at the Grand Traverse Extension Office (520 W. Front St.). The session will focus on preparation of records for year-end tax preparation and business analysis.

If you are currently not a Microtel/Telfarm Accounting & Payroll program client but want to learn about this farm record keeping software, please join us.

There is no charge for this session and you can register by calling the Grand Traverse MSU Extension office at 922-4822 or the Leelanau MSU Extension office at 256-9888.

#### **FARM INCOME TAX SESSION**

Jim Bardenhagen,  
Leelanau County Extension Director

The Annual Farm Income Tax Update will be held on November 10<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m. at the NW MI Hort Research Station.

Glenn Kole will be on hand to update everyone on the income tax changes for 2000, including handouts, and to discuss tax strategies for 2000.

If your farm uses a CPA or other tax preparer, please invite them to join us so they are aware of all the items that can affect agricultural tax returns.

#### **PESTICIDE CERTIFICATION REVIEW & TEST**

Gary Thornton, District Fruit IPM Agent

This review and test is offered for those who were unable to certify/recertify by credit. The review will take place in the morning and the

The review and testing schedule for those who have elected to bring security by check. The review will take place in the morning and the testing, which will be monitored by MDA, will be done after lunch.

Twin Lakes Camp - Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>

9:00-12:00 Review

Lunch \$7.00

1:00 p.m. Test

Banks Township Hall in Ellsworth - Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>

9:00-12:00 Review

Lunch on your own

1:00 p.m. Test

Be sure to pre-register so MDA knows how many are taking the test. Banks Township Hall in Ellsworth, call the Antrim Co. MSUE, at (231)533-8818. Twin Lakes Camp, call Jackie, NWMHRS, at (231)946-1510.

For those taking the test, bring a check made payable to "State of Michigan" for \$10 for private applicators and \$50 for commercial applicators. In preparation for the exam, you can purchase the Core Training Manual, Extension Bulletin E-2195, for \$5.00 at your county Extension office.

#### **EMERGENCY MARKET LOSS & WEATHER RELATED LOSS ASSISTANCE**

Jim Bardenhagen,

Leelanau County Extension Director

The Senate & House have passed legislations, yet to be signed by the President, that provides \$100 million to apple growers for market losses in 1998/1999 and \$38 million to growers/ producers who had fireblight or weather related production losses for 1999 and/or 2000.

Growers/Producers should contact your local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office soon to apply for these economic assistance funds.

#### **2000 MICHIGAN FRUIT TREE SURVEY**

The 2000 Michigan Fruit Tree Survey is currently underway. Please take the time and effort to fill out and return the survey as it provides valuable information to the fruit industry to assist with marketing, production forecasting and promotion.

#### **HORT SHOW PROGRAM AND HIGHLIGHTS**

We invite you to attend the 130<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Farm Marketing Program of the Michigan State Horticultural Society. The Educational Program and Trade Show will take place on December 5, 6, and 7, 2000 at the Amway Grand Center in Grand Rapids, MI.

Register early and save time and money. The pre-registration deadline is November 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Apple Variety Showcase! Tuesday 4:45 - 6:45 pm in the West Hall

Over 130 exhibitors have already secured exhibit hall space! Plus, extended hours on Tuesday - until 7 pm! (Tuesday only)

M.J. Bukovac Lecturer: Dr. A.D. Webster from the HRI, United Kingdom

Jerome Hull, Jr. Distinguished Lecturer: Dr. Don Elving of WSU, Wenatchee

Blueberry Program, Tuesday morning, with Dr. Jim Hancock, Dr. Eric Hanson, Ron and Tom Bodtke

Grape Program, Tuesday afternoon, featuring Dr. Mike Ellis, OSU, Dr. Charles Edson and Dr. Gary Van Ee.

Farm Marketing all day Tuesday!

Cherry Session, Wednesday morning, with Dr. Anthony Webster, Dr. Greg Lang & Joe Lothamer

Peach/Plum Program, Wednesday afternoon, with Jim Bittner, Singer Farms, NY and Dr. Rich Marini, VA

Plant Growth Regulators and Fireblight Tuesday afternoon

New Insecticide Chemistries & Alternative Approaches to Pest Management Thursday morning.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Michigan Cider Contest (see program for the rules.)

You may also view the program and registration information on the web at [www.mihortsociety.org](http://www.mihortsociety.org) or if you would like a complete brochure, call your local MSU Extension.

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