



Columbia Gorge Fruit Growers

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Cherry Day, Winter Hort events arrive in February

Two important tree fruit industry meetings – Cherry Day in The Dalles and Winter Horticulture Meeting in Hood River – are scheduled in February. Both are organized by Ashley Thompson, OSU Extension Fruit Tree staff.

The 2019 Cherry Day event will be held Tuesday, Feb. 12, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at The Discovery Center in The Dalles. It will include updates on a variety of cherry research projects and a preview of potential challenges.

Following day, the focus will shift to pears for the Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2019 Winter Horticulture Meeting, which will be held from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Hood River Inn Gorge Room.

Schedules for both events can be found inside this newsletter.

ODOT projects aimed at aiding freight traffic

Construction begins in February at two Hood River County intersections – including heavily used Country Club Road at Barrett Drive plus at Guignard Drive's intersection with Tucker Road.

The good news is the much-needed improvements are expected to be finished well before summer fruit harvest.

The Oregon Department of Transportation project will widen the intersections, allowing commercial freight trucks to safely navigate the intersections without entering adjacent travel lanes.

Construction is scheduled to be completed in April. During the next two months, travelers should expect single-lane closures during daytime hours; no nighttime work is planned.

For more information, contact Katelyn Jackson, ODOT Community Affairs, (503) 731-8503.

CGFG OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri 8am-4:30pm

Hours subject to change due to business commitments. To confirm open hours, call 541-387-4769 or 541-399-3680.

New Worker Protection Standards take effect at farms across Oregon

Gorge tree fruit growers had two opportunities in January to train under newly enacted Worker Protection Standards (WPS), thanks to classes held by Pesticide Safety Education Program staff through Oregon State University.

Adopted by Oregon OSHA late last year, the new WPS rules create many new standards when using pesticides. Below is a brief recap of key changes:

- The Application Exclusion Zone (AEZ) is different distances, depending on whether a product requires applicator respirator use.
- The AEZ is in effect when airblast or aerial spraying is used. The AEZ surrounds and moves with pesticide spray equipment during applications. The zone must be free of all people other than appropriately trained and equipped pesticide handlers.
- The AEZ is 100 feet when the pesticide applicator is not required to use a respirator. People must not re-enter a treated area for the time specified on labeling. People may remain indoors if windows are closed, air intakes turned off and entrances closed.
- The AEZ expands to 150 feet when the pesticide applicator is required to use a respirator. There is no option to stay indoors.



Oregon State University Extension Service

**2019 Cherry Day
February 12, 2019**

The Columbia Gorge Discovery Center
5000 Discovery Dr., The Dalles, OR

Time	Speaker	Title
8-8:10 a.m.	Ashley Thompson (OSU)	Introductions
8:10-8:30 a.m.	Steve Castagnoli (OSU)	MCAREC Update A food-grade behavior disruptor as a management tool for <i>Drosophila suzukii</i>
9:30-10 a.m.	Vaughn Walton (OSU)	
10-10:15 a.m.	Sponsored by Dahle Tree Fruit Network	BREAK
10:15-10:45 a.m.	Jim Watts (Watts Bees)	Reducing Risk and Increasing Pollination Using Native Bees
10:45-11 a.m.	Columbia Gorge Fruit Growers	Outstanding Contributor Award
11-11:30 a.m.	Dalila Rendon (OSU)	Testing an oviposition deterrent for <i>Drosophila suzukii</i> in cherry orchards
11:30 a.m. -Noon	Dalila Rendon (OSU)	Environmental predictors of <i>Drosophila suzukii</i> abundance in cherry orchards
1-1:30 p.m.	Lunch	
	Faith Critzer (WSU)	Getting Produce Safety Ready for 2019
1:30-2 p.m.	Yu Dong (OSU)	Ensuring Long-Distance Ocean Shipping Arrival Quality of PNW Cherries
2-2:30 p.m.	Jay Pscheidt (OSU)	X-disease Explained
2:30-3 p.m.	Scott Harper (WSU)	Another bad year for little cherry disease
3-3:30 p.m.	Prashant Swamy (WSU)	Understanding Cherry Powdery mildew in the Pacific Northwest and fungicide resistance
3:30-4 p.m.	Drew Hubbard (OSU)	Cherry Canker Update



2019 Winter Horticulture Meeting
February 13, 2019
 The Gorge Room
 1108 E. Marina Dr., Hood River, OR

Time	Speaker	Title
8-8:10 a.m.	Ashley Thompson (OSU)	Introduction
8-8:40 a.m.	Ashley Thompson	Fruit Tree Mineral Nutrition/Soil Fertility
8:40-9 a.m.	Kris Schaedel (SWCD)	Irrigation Water Management Training Updates
9-9:30 a.m.	Sara Serra (WSU)	d'Anjou pear sorting; effect on consumer preference
9:30-10 a.m.	Rachel Elkins (UC Crop)	California Pear Research Update
10-10:15 a.m.		BREAK
10:15-10:45 a.m.	Drew Hubbard (OSU)	Pear Research Updates
10:45- 11 a.m.	Ann Harris (OSU)	Extension Update
11-11:30 a.m.	Jim Watts (Watts Bees)	Reducing Risk, Increasing Pollination Using Native Bees
11:30-11:45 a.m.	Col. Gorge Fruit Growers	CGFG Updates
11:45 a.m. -Noon	Lissa Biehn/Tiffany Davis (USDA)	USDA Updates (If Available)
12-1 p.m.	Pesticide Education	
1-1:30 p.m.	David Lowenstein (OSU)	Control of Brown Marmorated Stink Bug through samurai wasp and other insect natural enemies
1:30-2 p.m.	Dalila Rendon (OSU)	Ecology of <i>Trechnites</i>, a pear psylla parasitoid wasp
2-2:30 p.m.	Jay Pscheidt (OSU)	Intelligent Spray System
2:30-3 p.m.	Ken Johnson (OSU)	Update on Fireblight Management

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