

Commercial Organic Apple Production Field Day

When: **Tuesday, August 25th** 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Where: **Alson H. Smith, Jr. Agricultural Research and Extension Center**
595 Laurel Grove Road, Winchester, Virginia 22602
- The meeting will occur at the white barn (red roof), please use the second AREC entrance (gravel delivery entrance).

Who: Beginning & Established Commercial Fruit Growers

What: The focus of this field day is to showcase current research projects geared towards the development of commercial organic apple production. Participants will visit a mature Honeycrisp/MM.111 block in its first year under organic management, organic fruit thinning trials, compost and mulch research plots, disease management tests using organic materials, and disease resistant cultivar and rootstock trials. The majority of this event will occur in the field.

Cost: **\$10.00 per person – (Registration Fee due by August 21st)**
- *Checks made payable to VCE-Frederick - Please mail to 107 N. Kent Street, Winchester, VA 22601*
- No cash or credit cards accepted and attendance is limited to the first 40 registrants
- Include contact information with/on check (phone, address, and email preferred)

- Learn about: Organic Certification Requirements; Site Selection; Orchard Design; Cultivar & Rootstock Selection; Soil & Fertility Management; Bloom Thinning & Crop Load Management; Pest Management
- Speakers include: Dr. Greg Peck; Ashley Thompson (PhD Candidate with Dr. Peck); Candace DeLong (MS Student with Drs. Peck and Yoder); Leon Combs; Dr. Keith Yoder; Dr. Doug Pfeiffer (invited); Dr. Chris Bergh (invited); Beth Sastre; Mark Sutphin
- Please contact Mark Sutphin (mark.sutphin@vt.edu) or 540.665.5699 for additional information.

The event is rain or shine and will require walking outside. Please come dressed accordingly and wear closed-toe shoes.



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