



GREAT PLAINS GROWERS CONFERENCE

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St. Joseph, Missouri

On Thursday choose between ONE of FIVE workshops: High Tunnel, Community Supported Agriculture (CSA), Fruit Grower's Tree Fruit Workshop, GAP/Food Safety, and new this year – Basics of Beekeeping in the Midwest!

January 5, 2012

Fruit Growers Tree Fruit Workshop I

Spratt Classroom 203

- 8:00 Registration
- 9:30 **Weed Management for Peaches & Apples**
– *Wayne Mitchem*
- 11:00 Break (Visit Vendors)
- 11:30 **New Varieties & Rootstock Update**
– *Wanda Heuser Gale*
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:30 **Disease Management of Apples**
– *Keith Yoder*
- 3:00 Break
- 3:30 **How GAPs Affect My Orchard**
– *Cory Schweizer*
- 5:00 Meeting adjourned
- 5:45 **Thursday Association Meetings:**
Missouri Horticulture Society Meeting
in Spratt 214/216 &
Kansas Fruit Growers Association
Meeting in Spratt 205

Come enjoy refreshments & snacks in the Trade Show Area during breaks and also a special wine reception from 4-6:30 pm.

Also on Saturday, visit Schweizer Orchard, 7419 County Rd 432, Savannah, MO for a tour. Meet at farm at 10 am. Tour High Density Apple Crop & view Grape Pruning Demo with Marlin Bates.

WORKSHOP PRESENTERS:

Wanda Heuser Gale works as VP of International Plant Management which is a company that test, protects, introduces and markets new fruit varieties. A horticulturalist, Wanda has a lifetime of experience in the fruit industry and is available to help you select the varieties, rootstocks, and planting systems that will work best for your particular climate and market. **E:** wanda@summittreesales.com. **W:** www.summittreesales.com. **P:** (800) 424-2765.

Wayne Mitchem earned a BS in Agronomy and a MS in Crop Science with a focus in Weed Science from North Carolina State University. After being hired to coordinate research trials for the NC IR-4 Field Research Center he assumed responsibilities for tree fruit weed management in 1996. In 1999 he became a regional specialist working across state lines, which is the position he currently holds that is funded jointly by NC State Univ., Clemson Univ. and the Univ. of Georgia. Wayne comes from agriculture background. He was raised on a farm in western NC that he and his brother still operate today. **E:** wayne_mitchem@ncsu.edu.

Cory Schweizer has worked for C.F. Schweizer and Sons Inc., and Schweizer Orchards his entire life. He graduated from the University of Missouri with a BS in Plant Science and a Minor in Economics. After college he came back to the corporation and in a few years became the Vice President. He works alongside his brother, Nick (Vice President), and father, Steve (President). Together they have taken the Schweizer farm from a small roadside stand market to one of the bigger producers of vegetables and fruits in the state of Missouri on a commercial and retail level. Schweizer Orchards / River Bend Apples, 7300 County Road 431, Savannah, MO 64485. **P:** (816) 475-2531. **E:** schweizer@bbwi.net. **W:** schweizerorchards.com.

Keith Yoder received a Ph.D. in Plant Pathology from Michigan State University. Since 1976 he has been the Tree Fruit Pathologist with Virginia Tech's Ag. Research and Extension Center at Winchester, VA. His research has focused on alternative tree fruit disease management strategies, fungicide activity spectrum and resistance management, PGRs to control fire blight shoot infection, apple powdery mildew economic thresholds, disease susceptibility and resistance of new apple cultivars, copper formulations for control of fire blight and other early season apple diseases, and pollen tube growth in apple pistils and bloom thinning with lime sulfur and other materials.

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