



Hort Headlines

August 7, 2009

- **Training Sessions For The Taiwan Systems Approach** – Anyone wishing to perform orchard or bin sampling must attend training at least every other year unless you are a licensed PCO. Training sessions are free, but pre-registration is recommended due to space limitations. Also, all packinghouses must have at least 2 certified cull cutters. If your cutters need re-certification, they may attend the sessions indicated by a red asterisk or contact your local WSDA inspection office. To reserve space or ask questions contact Wendy at (509) 663-8181 or email wendyej@wsu.edu. More information is available online at: http://entomology.tfrec.wsu.edu/Cullage_Site/CMtraining.html. Training sessions for the Taiwan Systems Approach orchard and bin sampling protocols for apple are scheduled for the following dates/times/locations:

Aug. 11, 2009 - Yakima * - 11 am - WL Hansen Bldg. (Fruit Commission), 105 S 18th., Yakima

Aug. 13, 2009 - Royal City - 3 pm - Fire Station, 336 Camelia St. NE, Royal City

Aug. 18, 2009 - Wenatchee * - 3 pm - WSU/TFREC, 1100 N Western Ave., Wenatchee

Aug. 20, 2009 - Brewster * - 11 am - Lindsey's Drive Inn, 544 W Main St., Brewster

** Indicates that Cull Cutter training will be provided by WSDA at these sessions only.*

- **HAACP Training** – A two day HAACP Certification Training will be available to GRAS²P specialists and other interested tree fruit industry members. HAACP is a management system in which food safety is addressed through the analysis and control of biological, chemical, and physical hazards from raw material production, procurement and handling, to manufacturing, distribution, and consumption of finished product. The training will take place August 17-18, 2009 in Ellensburg. Dr. Richard Dougherty (Professor and Extension Food Science Specialist at WSU) will conduct the Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point training. A reduced registration fee is available for WSHA members. For more information and registration, please contact the WSHA office at 509.665.9641 x811 or email gras2p@wahort.org.
- **WSHA 16th Annual Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament Results** – The 16th Annual Washington State Horticultural Association Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament, held August 4th in Chelan, was a huge success with many industry members taking part in the day. Approximately \$17,000 was netted from the tournament, which will help with student scholarships in the name of past tree fruit industry leaders: Gerald Nolen, Melvin Crowder, Jim Matson and Delmar Smith. WSHA would especially like to thank our headline tournament sponsors:

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- **Have You Renewed Your WSHA Membership** – WSHA membership invoices have been mailed out to all members. If you have not yet received your invoice please contact WSHA membership director Nicole Bruner at 509-665-9641 or email nicole@wahort.org . Remember, it is important to renew your WSHA membership promptly. Membership is required in order to register and attend the [WSHA 105th Annual Meeting and Trade Show](#) that will take place this December 7, 8 & 9 in Wenatchee, Washington. Thank you in advance for your membership investment.
- **NW Hort Expo/Trade Show** – The 105th WSHA NW Hort Expo/Trade Show will be held at the Wenatchee Convention Center, December 7, 8 & 9th. Participating as an exhibitor is one of the best ways to share with visitors about up-and-coming technologies and new products. If you have not received information about the upcoming NW Hort Expo or booked space for your booth please contact Dawn Milne at (509) 784-0357 or email dmilnetime2ride@verizon.net. The NW Hort Show is held in conjunction with the 105th WSHA Annual Meeting.
- **WSHA Office Will Be Relocating** – The Washington State Horticultural Office will be relocating on Friday, August 14 to the Washington Apple Commission building, 2900 Euclid Ave., Wenatchee, WA 98801. Hort Headlines will resume August 21st. Our mailing address of PO Box 136 | Wenatchee, WA will remain the same. During the move we will do our best to return phone calls as promptly as possible.

Headline Links

Nasty New Pest – A serious new pest of sweet cherries, berries, and potentially other thin-skinned fruit crops has California growers worried. Learn more at www.growingproduce.com.

Apple Grower Of The Year – When you're an apple grower in Eastern Washington, it might seem hard to stand out. Learn more on this story from www.growingproduce.com.

The Economics Of Tree Fruit – Issues of labor, production budgets, and price premiums are the focus of new research from WSU assistant professor Karina Gallardo and her colleagues. Learn more on this story from www.growingproduce.com.

Farmworkers Sue For Protection From Heat Stroke – Several Central Valley farmworkers have filed a lawsuit against the state of California and its Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board for allegedly failing to adequately protect farmworkers from heat illness. Read more at [the Fruit Grower News](#).

Organic Food Is No Healthier, Study Finds – Organic food has no nutritional or health benefits over ordinary food, according to a major study published Wednesday. http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/32205139/ns/health-diet_and_nutrition/. Read the "Organic Center Response to the FSA Study". Read more at www.organic-center.org.

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