Ohio Fruit ICM News
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January 10-11, Kentucky Fruit and Vegetable Conference and Trade Show Holiday Inn North, Lexington KY Contact: John Strang, 859-257-5685; <jstrang@uky.edu>

January 16-18, 2006: Ohio Fruit and Vegetable Congress and Ohio Direct Marketing Conference, Columbus, OH. Go to <http://www.ohiofruit.org/>

January 23-25, Indiana Horticultural Congress Adams Mark Hotel Airport, Indianapolis IN Contact: Peter Hirst, 765-494-1323; <hirst@hort.purdue.edu>

January 31-February 2, Mid-Atlantic Fruit & Vegetable Convention Hershey Lodge & Convention Center, Hershey PA Contact: Maureen Irvin, 717-677-4184; More information is available at <http://www.pvga.org/conv.htm>

February 12-14, Ohio Grape-Wine Short Course, Wilmigton, OH. People can register through the OWPA website:<http://www.ohiowines.org/cgi-bin3/calendar.pl?sc2006>

February 15-16, Ontario Fruit & Vegetable Convention at Brock University campus in St. Catharines, Ontario. For more information, call 1-800-387-3276

February 22-25, Mid Atlantic Direct Marketing Conference. This year's 4 day event is being hosted near Reading, PA. For those interested - additional info can be found at <www.madmc.com>

February 26 - March 1, 49th Annual International Fruit Tree Association Educational Conference, Hershey, Pennsylvania. Form more information <http://www.idfta.org/conference-locations-dates/>
Greetings: Source Shawn Wright
I want to take this opportunity to say hello and say that I am glad to be serving as editor of your newsletter. I am one of the horticulturists at the OSU South Centers in Piketon. My main responsibility is research in the area of small fruit, vegetables, and green industry alternatives. I also do small fruit Extension work. This is your newsletter and I would love to hear from you on what you like, dislike, and what other things you would like to see in here. Contact me at the address above, and I hope to see you at the Ohio Fruit and Vegetable Congress, January 16-18 in Columbus.

Ohio Fruit and Vegetable Congress:

Please take the opportunity that is provided and attend the Ohio Fruit and Vegetable Congress in Columbus. In cooperation with OSU educators, growers, and allied industry resources, we have constructed a first rate three day education conference and two day trade show. Nationally recognized experts will be present to share their insights with you to help you have a more profitable and more enjoyable 2006 growing season. Make sure you visit the trade show. With a new format of dedicated trade show hours, there should be ample opportunity for you to interact with the exhibitors. They are there for you and want to hear from you. Take advantage of the opportunities that are provided to interact with other growers as well. They may have an idea that is just what you have been looking for. Another good opportunity to interact with others is the Awards Breakfast at 7:00 AM, on January 18. Larry Hollar, family business author of “Keep Your Business Close …. And Your Family” is the featured speaker.

Small Fruit Session Update

Dr. Gary Stoner, from The Ohio State University will be providing an update on work that he has been doing with others that investigates the role of small fruit in cancer prevention. His session is scheduled for Tuesday the 17th at 11:00 and did not make it into the copies of the scheduled that have been distributed. This will help you be a more knowledgeable producer and can help you in marketing your product.

Posting of the Newsletter

The Ohio Fruit ICM Newsletter will be posted in PDF format on the web at http://southcenters.osu.edu/hort/icmnews/index.htm. I will do my best to get the current one posted within a week of emailing it out. As time allows I would like to get the previous issues from the archive posted here as well.

Ohio Poison Control Number
Hopefully you will never need this number, but keep it handy. (800) 222-1222 TDD # is (614) 228-2272