

Ohio Fruit ICM News

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It isn't too late to plan on attending the OPGMA Congress in Sandusky on Jan. 12-14 at The Nia Center at the Kalahari Resort. For complete program information, log on to www.ohiofruit.org. Highlights include:

- Small fruit production -- Learn the fundamentals of berry production.
- Ohio Proud and MarketMaker updates -- Learn how you can make the most of Ohio Proud and MarketMaker.
- Tree fruit and small fruit research update.
- Environmental stewardship initiative for Ohio specialty crops.
- Major factors in Ohio ag labor -- Get a basic understanding of the four "R's" of Ohio ag labor: regulation, recruitment, retention and relationship.
- Building toward a profitable and sustainable future in fruit production.
- Tree fruit and small fruit pesticide update.
- Building healthy soils to sustain healthy crops, livestock and people • Marketing local farmers' markets.
- Identifying your consumer base -- Build your business by targeting the needs of your customers.

Calendar - Newly added in ***Bold***

Jan. 7-9, Illinois Specialty Crop and Agritourism Conference, Crowne Plaza Hotel and Convention Center, Springfield Ill. For more information phone 309-557-2107.

January 12-14, OPGMA Congress, The Nia Center at the Kalahari Resort Sandusky, Ohio

Jan 19-21, Indiana Horticultural Congress, Adam's Mark Hotel, Indianapolis.

Jan 19-21 North American Strawberry Growers Association Annual Meeting, Hotel Monteleone, New Orleans. For more information see www.NASGA.org.

Jan. 21, Pesticide Applicator Workshop, Dayton Convention Center. Ohio State University Extension and the Department of Agriculture will offer several workshops throughout the state. The workshops are designed to help applicators receive the state required five hours of training in one day. For more information phone (614) 292-4070.

Feb. 3-5, Mid-Atlantic Fruit and Vegetable Convention, Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey, PA. For more information contact William Troxell at 717-694-3596 or visit www.mafvc.org.

Feb. 10, Pesticide Applicator Workshop, Nia Conference Center, Kalahari Resort, Sandusky. Ohio State University Extension and the Department of Agriculture will offer several workshops throughout the state. For more information phone (614) 292-4070.

Feb. 10-12, 2009. Empire State Fruit and Vegetable EXPO and Becker Forum, Liverpool Holiday Inn and OnCenter, Syracuse, NY.

Feb. 16-17, Ohio Grape & Wine Conference. Shisler Conference Center, Wooster. Marketing will focus on customer service with nationally renowned speakers. Featured speakers include Dr. Tony Wolf, Professor of Viticulture at Virginia Tech University, and Mark Chien, winegrape Extension Educator from Penn State University.

Feb. 25, 2009 Pesticide Applicator Workshop, Columbus Convention Center. Ohio State University Extension and the Department of Agriculture will offer several workshops throughout the state. For more information phone (614) 292-4070.

March 11, 2009 Pesticide Applicator Workshop, John S. Knight Center, Akron. Ohio State University Extension and the Department of Agriculture will offer several workshops throughout the state. For more information phone (614) 292-4070.

June 22-26, 2009: The 10th International Rubus and Ribes Symposium. Zlatibor, Serbia.

NOTE: Disclaimer - This publication may contain pesticide recommendations that are subject to change at any time. These recommendations are provided only as a guide. It is always the pesticide applicator's responsibility, by law, to read and follow all current label directions for the specific pesticide being used. Due to constantly changing labels and product registrations, some of the recommendations given in this writing may no longer be legal by the time you read them. If any information in these recommendations disagrees with the label, the recommendation must be disregarded. No endorsement is intended for products mentioned, nor is criticism meant for products not mentioned. The author and Ohio State University Extension assume no liability resulting from the use of these recommendations.

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