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Calendar

January 29-31, 2001: Indiana Horticultural Congress, at the Adams Mark Hotel in Indianapolis. The Congress is for participants; let them know what issues you would like them to address. Check the website often for updates: <http://www.hort.purdue.edu> and follow the link for Indiana Horticultural Congress.

January 30-February 1, 2001: Mid-Atlantic Fruit and Vegetable Convention, Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey, Pennsylvania. For more information call Maureen Irvin at (717) 677-4184.

February 7-9, 2001: Ohio Fruit Growers Society Congress, in conjunction with the Ohio Vegetable and Potato Growers Association, Ohio Direct Marketing Association, and The Ohio State University will be held in Toledo at the Seagate Centre and Radisson Hotel.

March 10: Ohio Berry Growers School, OSU Piketon Research and Extension Center, Piketon, Ohio. See article on next page for details. For more information call Brad Bergefurd at (740) 289-3727 or e-mail at bergefurd.1@osu.edu

Market Loss Assistance Program Postponed Until February 1

Source: US Apple Association

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today informed our association that it is postponing implementation of the \$100 million market loss assistance payment program for apple growers until

February 1. The sign-up period was to have commenced January 18, according to a news release issued by outgoing Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman on December 5, 2000.

The U.S. Apple Association (USApple) is extremely disappointed by USDA's decision to delay the sign-up period for this assistance program, particularly given the dire economic conditions confronting our nation's apple growers and Secretary Glickman's previous commitment to begin the sign-up period on January 18.

USApple will work with incoming Agriculture Secretary Anne Veneman to ensure the timely implementation of this critical assistance program for apple growers. USApple will inform our industry's state and regional associations of the program's specific details as soon as they become available.

Ohio Berry Growers School

The Ohio Berry Growers School is scheduled for Saturday, March 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Brad Bergefurd and Sandy Kuhn have a fine list of presenters for this year's school, including:

- Dr. Barclay Poling, Professor and Extension Small Fruit Specialist from North Carolina State University. Barclay has been instrumental in the adoption of the plasticulture strawberry production system used on about 1700 acres in North Carolina. Yields of up to, and in some cases exceeding, 20,000 pounds per acre have been produced by growers using this system.
- Dr. Fumiomi Takeda, Research Horticulturist at the USDA-ARS, Appalachian Fruit Research Station in Kearneysville, West Virginia will be talking about the rotatable cross arm Y trellis production system that was invented at the station for machine harvesting of thornless blackberries. They have researched a production system that has produced up to 30 pounds of fruit per plant on Chester blackberry. They have also done some production work with black raspberries at this station. Dr. Takeda will also be talking about the greenhouse production of strawberries. He has done work in this area for many years.

Plan to attend Saturday, March 10. Stay tuned for additional topics and presenters. Further registration details will follow at a later date.

Hal Willson Medical Update

Our thoughts and prayers are with Hal Willson and his family. We received word that Hal suffered a possible stroke on Wednesday following a presentation at the Pesticide Application Training session in Perrysburg. Hal has not regained consciousness and remains in very serious condition at St. Luke's hospital in Maumee. His wife Sally is with him, along with their sons. We wish the best for the Willson family during this very difficult time.

Insecticide Update for Fruit Crops 2000/2001

Source: Celeste Welty, Extension Entomologist, OSU

New Products:

Intrepid 2F (methoxyfenozide), an insect growth regulator (IGR) made by Rohm & Haas, for use on apple and pear, for control of codling moth, leafrollers, leafminers; registered October 2000.

Surround 95WP (kaolin), made by Engelhard Corp. For use on apple, pear, peach, plum, processing raspberries and blueberries, and wine grapes, for control of overwintering obliquebanded leafroller and leafhoppers on apple, pear psylla on pears, Japanese beetle on stone fruit, and suppression of thrips and other pests; registered January 2000.

Esteem 0.86EC (pyriproxyfen), an insect growth regulator (IGR) made by Valent, for use on apple and pear for control of psylla, San Jose scale, leafminer, codling moth; registered June 1999.

Isomate-LPTB, pheromone mating disruption product to control lesser peachtree borer and peachtree borer; made by Pacific Biocontrol.

Registration Expanded to Additional Crops:

Savey 50WP (hexythiazox), on strawberry (3-day PHI), peach and cherry (28-day PHI); for mite control; made by Gowan; registered October 2000.

Pyramite 60WP (pyridaben), on peach, plum, grapes (all 7-day PHI), and post-harvest use on cherry and apricot; for mite control; made by BASF; registered June 2000.

Danitol 2.4EC (fenpropathrin), on apple, pear, grapes; a pyrethroid for control of leafhoppers, rosy apple aphid, leafminers, apple maggot, codling moth, leafrollers, Japanese beetle, plum curculio, and spider mites; made by Valent; registered March 2000.

Discontinued Uses or New Restrictions in Use:

Lorsban, post-bloom use on apple cancelled; still ok on apples pre-bloom and on stone fruit.

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