



# Ohio Fruit ICM News



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## Mid American Ag and Hort Services Selects New Leaders

*Source: John Wargowsky, Executive Director, Mid American  
Ag and Hort Services, Inc.*

## Calendar

**March 23 & 30: New Fruit and Vegetable  
Grower and Marketer Workshop**, Rural Services  
Building, 225 Underwood Street, Zanesville, OH.  
For information call OSU Extension, Muskingum  
County at 740-454-0144 or e-mail  
mechling.1@osu.edu. The March 23 session will  
focus on the production and marketing aspects of  
fruit and vegetable enterprises; the March 30  
session will discuss some of the regulatory and  
human resource components of speciality crops.

**March 29: Deer Control Strategies**, Rural  
Services Building, 225 Underwood Street, Zanesville,  
OH. For information call OSU Extension,  
Muskingum County at 740-454-0144 or e-mail  
mechling.1@osu.edu. Topics to be discussed include  
exclusion, repelling, hunting, and fencing for deer  
management.

**March 30: North Central Fruit Crops  
Breakfast**, MAW's Restaurant at Avery, US Rte  
250, Milan, OH. Breakfast is at 8:00 a.m.,  
discussion begins at 9:00. Private applicator's credit  
has been approved for CORE and Category 4.

Members and leaders of Mid American Ag  
and Hort Services (MAAHS) met March 1 in  
Wilmington, Ohio at the organization's fourth  
annual meeting. Members explored possibilities to  
enhance human resource management in ag and hort  
businesses. MAAHS is a unique non-profit,  
membership-based consortium of associations,  
organizations, and employers organized to meet the  
educational, regulatory compliance assistance, and  
labor recruiting needs of agricultural and other  
employers in Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio.

Members elected to three year terms on the  
board of trustees were Tom Demaline of Willoway  
Nurseries, Avon Lake, Ohio; Dick Wander of Lynd  
FruitFarm, Pataskala, Ohio; Constance Jackson of  
Ohio Farm Bureau, Columbus, Ohio; and Bill Stalter  
of Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association,  
Columbus, Ohio. Immediately following the annual  
meeting, the new board selected the following  
officers for 2005-2006:

- President: Mike Adolph of K.W. Zellers &  
Son, Hartville, Ohio
- Vice President: Michael Baise of Indiana  
Farm Bureau, Indianapolis, Indiana
- Secretary: Tom Roney of Tuttle Orchards,  
Greenfield, Indiana
- Treasurer: Constance Jackson, Ohio Farm  
Bureau Federation

Bernie Erven of Erven HR Services, LLC presented ideas to the members about how ag and hort businesses could effectively implement the role of human resource managers in their businesses. As a result of this discussion, MAAHS leaders will explore new programming to support human resource management in member businesses.

Executive Director John Wargowsky reviewed MAAHS member and special programming conducted over the past year. MAAHS continues to educate thousands of employers through sponsor member events, articles in sponsor member publications, newsletters, telephone consultation, and its web site at <<http://www.midamservices.org>>.

MAAHS has effectively partnered with the Ohio State University Extension Ag and Hort Labor Education Program to produce and distribute the "Ohio Agricultural and Horticultural Employer Checklist" and "Operating a Temporary Agricultural Labor Camp in Ohio" manual. MAAHS is partnering with the United States Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency to develop and distribute the same tools to Indiana employers.

Employers wanting more information are welcome to contact MAAHS at 614-246-8286, [labor@ofbf.org](mailto:labor@ofbf.org) or <<http://www.midamservices.org>>.

### **EPA Pesticide Program Annual Report**

*Source:* <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides>

EPA's Pesticide Program is pleased to make available online its 2004 annual report, entitled *Taking Care of Business: Protecting Human Health and the Environment* at <<http://www.epa.gov/oppfead1/annual/2004/04annualrpt.pdf>>. The report highlights the accomplishments and key achievements in 2004. There are sections on registration, reregistration and tolerance reassessment, international harmonization, E-government, endangered species, biotechnology, partnerships, and other key areas as well. The hard copy version of the report will be available in March and will include an interactive CD-ROM, with the same links to supporting documents as the current online version.

EPA writers used a new format that saves tax dollars by reducing production time and effort.

By providing active links from keywords in the text to existing online documents that discuss the Agency's positions and policies on these topics, the

new report realizes the benefits of electronic media. Readers of the electronic version who want to know more about a given topic can simply click on the link within the text.

Another benefit to this approach is that it makes for a much smaller report, while providing more detailed information than in previous annual reports.

Please feel free to direct your comments on the new format to either Quentin Borges-Silva ([borges-silva.quentin@epa.gov](mailto:borges-silva.quentin@epa.gov)) or Julie Chao ([chao.julie@epa.gov](mailto:chao.julie@epa.gov)).

### **Strong Demand Boosts Fresh Apple Movement**

*Source:* <<http://www.fruitgrowersnews.com>>

The movement of 18 million bushels of fresh and processing apples in February 2005 was up 23 percent from the movement in 2004, and 3 percent above the five-year average for February movement, according to the U.S. Apple Association's (USApple) nationwide survey of apple storage facilities. Stronger apple movement reflects an ample supply and strong demand for U.S. apples.

The movement of 6.7 million bushels of processing apples in February 2005 was 65 percent above the 2004 movement, and 12 percent higher than the five-year average for February movement.

The movement of 11.4 million bushels of fresh apples from regular and Controlled Atmosphere (CA) storage during February 2005 was 7 percent higher than the February 2004 movement, but 2 percent below the five-year average for February movement. Movement of fresh-market apples from CA storage during February 2004 was 6 percent lower than the same time last year, and down 8 percent from the five-year January average.

March 1 U.S. fresh holdings of 58.2 million bushels were 36 percent above last year, and were 18 percent above the five-year average, according to USApple's survey.

On a regional basis, fresh holdings in the Northeast on March 1 were 4.9 million bushels, an 8 percent decrease from holdings on March 1, 2004, but 7 percent higher than the five-year average for that date. Southeast March 1 fresh holdings were 12 percent higher than March 1, 2004, and 14 percent above the five-year average for that date. In the Midwest, March 1 fresh holdings were down 14 percent as compared to holdings on March 1, 2004, and 10 percent lower than the five-year average. Fresh-market apples in storage on March 1 were 57 percent higher in the Southwest than on that date in 2004, but 21 percent lower than the five-year average. Northwest March 1 fresh holdings were 48 percent higher than on March 1, 2004, and 21 percent above the five-year average for that date.

Total U.S. holdings of fresh and processing apples on March 1 were 88.1 million bushels, a 31 percent increase from holdings on March 1, 2004, and 16 percent higher than the five-year average of 75.7 million bushels for holdings on that date.

Fresh CA holdings on March 1 were 36 percent higher than holdings on March 1, 2004, and 18 percent above the five-year average for holdings on that date. Holdings of fresh-market and processing apples in CA storage on March 1 were 79.9 million bushels, a 33 percent increase from March 1, 2004, and 18 percent higher than the five-year average. Total processing apple holdings as of March 1 were 30 million bushels, 23 percent higher than on March 1, 2004, and 14 percent above the five-year average for that date.

### **Fresh Holdings by Variety**

- On a varietal basis, March 1 fresh-market Red Delicious holdings were 22.4 million bushels, a 35 percent increase from that date in 2004 but 3 percent less than the five-year average.
- Fresh Golden Delicious holdings of 8.8 million bushels were up 52 percent from holdings on March 1, 2004 and 14 percent higher than the five-year average for that date.
- Fresh Granny Smith holdings of 6.8 million bushels on March 1 were up 33 percent from holdings on March 1, 2004 and 45 percent above the five-year average for that date.
- McIntosh holdings on March 1 were 1.4 million bushels, down 2 percent from holdings on March 1, 2004, but up 21 percent from the five-year average.
- Fresh Fuji holdings of 6.6 million bushels on March 1 were up 43 percent as compared to last year's holdings on that date, and increased 42 percent as compared to the five-year average.
- Fresh Gala holdings on March 1 were 4.5 million bushels, up 63 percent from March 1, 2004 levels and 97 percent greater than the five-year average.
- Fresh Empire holdings were 1.2 million bushels, a 27 percent decrease from March 1, 2004 levels and 15 percent below the five-year average.

**Preliminary Monthly Climatological Data for Selected Ohio Locations  
February 2005**

Weather Station Location	Monthly Precipitation	Normal Monthly Precipitation	Year-to-Date Precipitation	Normal Year-to-Date Precipitation	Average High	Normal High	Average Low	Normal Low	Mean Temp.	Normal Mean
Akron-Canton	2.09	2.28	7.72	4.77	37.5	36.8	22.5	19.8	30.0	28.3
Cincinnati	1.94	2.75	8.54	5.67	46.0	43.1	29.3	25.0	37.6	34.0
Cleveland	2.07	2.29	7.96	4.77	37.4	35.8	24.4	21.0	30.9	28.4
Columbus	1.27	2.20	10.22	4.73	42.0	40.5	26.0	23.5	34.0	32.0
Dayton	1.63	2.29	10.85	4.89	40.9	38.2	25.8	22.4	33.3	30.2
Fremont	1.56	1.66	5.91	3.45	36.9	35.1	19.4	18.4	28.1	26.7
Kingsville	1.86	1.80	6.24	3.80	37.2	33.6	21.4	17.4	29.3	25.5
Mansfield	1.80	2.17	7.88	4.80	37.0	35.9	22.1	18.6	29.6	27.3
Norwalk	1.90	1.73	8.04	3.63	37.6	35.6	21.5	18.9	29.6	27.3
Piketon	1.61	3.00	6.44	6.40	47.1	41.7	27.7	23.6	37.4	32.7
Toledo	2.73	1.88	7.25	3.81	36.0	35.1	22.6	18.9	29.3	27.0
Wooster	1.65	1.97	7.51	3.92	40.0	36.9	22.7	19.1	31.3	28.0
Youngstown	2.80	2.03	8.66	4.37	36.5	36.0	21.2	19.3	28.9	27.6

Temperatures in degrees F, Precipitation in inches

Record highs set:      *15<sup>th</sup>; Mansfield, 60 degrees, Wooster, 66.4 degrees*  
Record high tied:      *7<sup>th</sup>; Youngstown, 50 degrees*