

54TH ANNUAL BENZIE-MANISTEE HORTICULTURAL SHOW
Crystal Mountain Resort, Thompsonville, Michigan
February 28-March 2, 2005

MONDAY AFTERNOON, February 28, 2005

**MICHIGAN AGRICULTURE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSURANCE PROGRAM (MAEAP),
Phase 1 Educational Session**

Moderator: Dan Busby, Coordinator, Groundwater Stewardship Program,
Grand Traverse Conservation District

1:30 pm

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Steve Fouch, Director and Agriculture Agent, MSU Extension-Benzie County

1:35 pm

MAEAP FRAMEWORK

Scott Piggott, Agricultural Ecology Department, Michigan Farm Bureau

1:50 pm

PEST AND NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT

Nikki Rothwell, District Fruit IPM Agent, NW MI Hort Research Station

2:10 pm

PROPER PESTICIDE AND FERTILIZER STORAGE

Murray Stall, Groundwater Program Coordinator, Manistee & Mason/Lake Conservation
Districts

2:30 pm

BREAK

2:35 pm

AGRICULTURAL FUEL STORAGE

Dr. Roberta Dow, District Agent, Groundwater Stewardship, MSUE-Grand Traverse County

3:05 pm

MICHIGAN'S RIGHT-TO-FARM ACT AND APPLICABLE GAAMPS

(Generally Accepted Agriculture and Management Practices)

Dan Busby, Coordinator, Groundwater Stewardship Program, Gr. Traverse Conservation
District

3:20 pm

WATER USE REGULATIONS AND WATER RELATED ISSUES

Scott Piggott, Agricultural Ecology Department, Michigan Farm Bureau

3:45 pm

MAEAP FARMSTEAD SYSTEM VERIFICATION

Scott Piggott, Agricultural Ecology Department, Michigan Farm Bureau

3:55 pm

FARMER TESTIMONIAL ON THE MAEAP FARMSTEAD SYSTEM VERIFICATION

Jim Laubach, Laubach Orchards

Mark Evans, Evans Brothers Orchard

Tom Broadhagen, Maple Ridge Orchards

4 pm

QUESTION & ANSWER TIME

TUESDAY MORNING, March 1, 2005

- 8:30 am** **WELCOME**
Moderator: Rick Gleason, Michigan Farm Bureau Regional Representative
Steve Haugen, Benzie County Board of Commissioners
- 8:40 am** **STARTING YOUNG FRUIT ORCHARDS**
James Nugent, District Horticulture Agent, NW MI Horticulture Research Station
- 9:15 am** **DISEASE CONTROL ON APPLES**
Amy Irish-Brown, District Fruit ICM Agent, MSU Extension West Central Region
- 10 am** **VENDOR SPOTLIGHT**
- PESTICIDE CERTIFICATION OR RE-CERTIFICATION TESTING**
will be offered from 10 am until 1 pm on Tuesday, March 1, 2005
Eric McCumber, Pesticide Specialist, MI Dept. Agriculture
- 10:15 am** **BREAK**
- 10:30 am** **UPDATE ON APPLE ROOTSTOCKS/TRAINING SYSTEMS**
Dario Stefanelli, Graduate Student, Doctoral Program, MSU Dept. Horticulture
- 11:15 am** **LOCAL GROWER PANEL: Experiences Related To Apple Tree Training Systems**
Jim King, King Orchards, Antrim County
Mark Evans, Evans Brothers Orchard, Benzie County
- 11:45 am** **UPDATE ON THE MICHIGAN APPLE COMMITTEE**
Denise Yockey, Director, Michigan Apple Committee
- Noon** **LUNCH BREAK**

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, March 1, 2005

- Moderator:** Nikki Rothwell, District Fruit IPM Agent, NW MI Hort Research Station
- 1:30 pm** **KEY INSECT PESTS ON APPLES: OBLR & *Campyloomma***
Dr. Larry Gut, MSU Dept. Entomology
- 2:15 pm** **TIPS ON APPLE THINNING**
Dr. James Flore, MSU Dept. Horticulture
- 3 pm** **VENDOR SPOTLIGHT**
- 3:15 pm** **BREAK**
- 3:30 pm** **PESTICIDE REGULATION UPDATE**
Eric McCumber, Michigan Dept. Agriculture
- 3:50 pm** **GROWING, HARVESTING, AND HANDLING APPLES FOR MAXIMUM QUALITY**
Randolph Beaudry, Professor, MSU Dept. Horticulture
- 4:30 pm** **WRAP-UP OF EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS FOR THE DAY**
- 6-8:30 pm** **AN APPLE EXTRAVAGANZA BANQUET**
Master of Ceremonies: Jim Laubach, President, Benzie-Manistee Horticultural Society
Banquet will feature a variety of hors d'oeuvres, salads, main dishes and desserts, highlighting apples, cherries and other fruit ingredients for your dining pleasure. After the meal, you will be challenged and entertained by our guest speakers, Merlin Dumbrielle from WTCM Radio and Dave Fortin from TV 7&4

WEDNESDAY MORNING, March 2, 2005

- 9 am** **WELCOME**
Moderator: Mike Evans, Evans Brothers Orchard;
Member, Benzie-Manistee Horticultural Society
- 9:15 am** **CONNECTING LOCAL GROWERS WITH LOCAL MARKETS**
Patty Cantrell, Michigan Land Use Institute, Beulah, Michigan
- 9:45 am** **ADDING SMALL FRUITS TO YOUR OPERATION**
Dr. Eric Hanson, Professor, MSU Dept. Horticulture
- 10:30 am** **VENDOR SPOTLIGHT**
- 10:45 am** **BREAK TIME**
- 11 am** **OPPORTUNITIES FOR WINE GRAPES IN THE AREA**
Linda Jones, Michigan Dept. Agriculture
- 11:30 am** **ORGANIC FRUIT PRODUCTION**
Dario Stefanelli, Graduate Student, Doctoral Program, MSU Dept. Horticulture
- 12:15 pm** **LUNCHEON BREAK**

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, March 2, 2005

- Moderator:** Dave Smeltzer, Smeltzer Orchards; Member, Benzie-Manistee Horticultural Society
- 1:15 pm** **FARM MARKET PANEL**
Facilitator: Jennifer Smeltzer, Smeltzer Orchards
- 2 pm** **MAINTAINING QUALITY PRODUCE IN YOUR MARKET**
Randolph Beaudry, Professor, MSU Dept. Horticulture
- 2:30 pm** **VENDOR SPOTLIGHT**
- 2:45 pm** **BREAK**
- 3 pm** **FARM MARKET OPERATION: KEEPING CUSTOMERS IN MIND**
Ron Goldy, District Vegetable Agent, MSU Extension Southwest Region
- 4 pm** **CONFERENCE ENDS**