

**Directions to the
Western Maryland
Research & Education Center (WMREC)**

18330 Keedysville Road
Keedysville, MD 21756
301-432-2767
<https://go.umd.edu/WMREC>

From I -70:

Take Exit 29 to Route 65 South (Sharpsburg Pike). Travel south on Route 65 for approximately 7 miles. Keedysville Road will be on your left. Travel on Keedysville Road for approximately 1 mile and the sign to WMREC will be on the left.

From Boonsboro:

Take Route 34 West at the stoplight in Boonsboro. Travel for 3.5 miles. Turn right onto Keedysville Road and travel 2.4 miles. The WMREC entrance will be on the right, just past University Road.

Snow Date

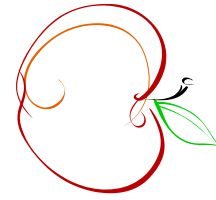
In the case of severe weather, call our main line 301-432-2767. A message will be listed by 7:00 a.m. stating the status of the meeting.

Accommodations /Assistance

Our facility is handicap accessible. Please contact us if you need special assistance.

Questions?

Call Susan Barnes 301-432-2767 x301
or email sbarnes6@umd.edu



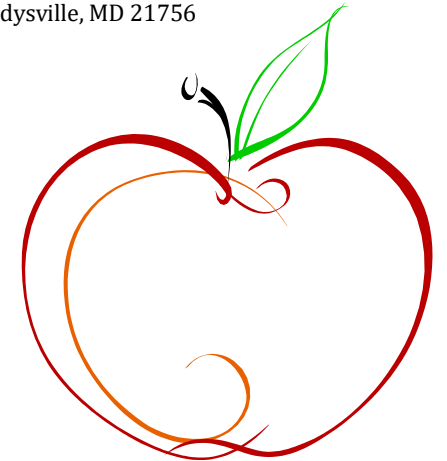
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**WESTERN
MARYLAND
REGIONAL
FRUIT MEETING**

Thursday, March 2, 2023

**Western Maryland
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18330 Keedysville Road
Keedysville, MD 21756



UNIVERSITY OF
MARYLAND
EXTENSION

In cooperation with
Maryland State Horticultural Society
Maryland Apple Promotion Board

2023 Registration Form

Attendees:

1.) Name _____

2.) Name _____

3.) Name _____

4.) Name _____

Business/Farm Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Amount Enclosed

Attending _____ X \$35 EA. = _____

AFTER FEB 23, 2023

Attending _____ X \$45 EA. = _____

Please mail this form and a check or money order payable to: **UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND**

Regional Fruit Meeting - WMREC
18330 Keedysville Road, Keedysville, MD 21756

REGISTRATION DEADLINE—February 23, 2023

Questions? - Call 301-432-2767

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD* GO TO:
2023fruitmeeting.eventbrite.com**

**There is an additional processing fee from
Eventbrite to pay by credit card*

Western Maryland Regional Fruit Meeting Program - March 2, 2023

MORNING SESSION

8:30 Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:00 Introduction & Overview of Program

Dr. Joseph Fiola, Specialist in Viticulture and Small Fruit, University of Maryland Extension (UME), WMREC, Keedysville, MD.

9:10 Nutrient Management Update & Recertification

Moana Himes, Nutrient Management Specialist, MD Department of Agriculture, Frederick, MD.

9:40 Pesticide Regulatory Update & Recertification

Rob Hofsetter, Program Manager, Maryland Department of Agriculture, Pesticide Regulation Section, Annapolis, MD

10:10 Break & Visit Displays

10:30 Making Value-Added Products from Specialty Crops Legally

Margaret (Megan) Todd, JD. Legal Research Associate, ALEI, UMD

11:00 Thornless Blackberry Varieties for Maryland Production

Dr. Alan W. Leslie. Agriculture Extension Agent. UME of Charles County.

11:30 Updates on New and Existing Fungicides for Small Fruit Disease Management

Dr. Mengjun Hu, Assistant Professor, Plant Pathology, PSLA, UMD.

12:00 Lunch and Visit Displays

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00 Maryland State Horticultural Society (MSHS) & Maryland Apple Promotion Board Update

Chuck Schuster, MSHS Executive Director

1:15 Biological Control Updates for SWD Management

Dr. Kelly Hamby, Associate Professor/Extension Specialist, Entomology, UMD

1:45 Reassessing Mating Disruption for Key Lepidopteran Pests in Non-compliant Apple Blocks

Dr. Laura Nixon, Visiting Scientist, Entomology, USDA-ARS Appalachian Fruit Research Station

2:15 Break & Visit Displays

2:35 Traceability & Food Safety Programs

Carol Allen, Agent Associate in Food Safety, PSLA, UMD

3:05 Breeding New Apple Trees for Maryland; Combining Heat and Fireblight Tolerance with Reduced Pruning and Training Needs

Dr. Chris Walsh, Emeritus Professor, PSLA, UMD.

3:20 Discussion of WMREC Programming and Research Efforts

Bryan R. Butler Sr., Extension Agent, UME of Carroll County.

3:50 Production of Blueberry Fruit Using Containerized, Primocane-Fruiting Plants, Under Protected Cultivation

Dr. Chris Walsh, Emeritus Professor, PSLA, UMD.

4:05+ Discussion Questions, Comments, Pesticide and Nutrient Management Recertification, Program Evaluation, and Adjourn

Registration cost is \$35 per person (\$45 after 2/23/23), which includes program materials, morning refreshments and lunch. Attendance at this meeting qualifies as recertification for individuals possessing a current and valid Private Maryland Pesticide Applicator's license and to receive Continuing Education Units (CEU's) for Nutrient Management.