

2021 Texas Fruit Conference

Monday, October 11

Intro to Fruit Growing Workshop

8:30 a.m.-9 a.m.

Site Selection: Is this a good place for an orchard?

- Jim Kamas, Extension Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

9 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

Crop and Variety Selection: What crop is right for me?

- Justin Scheiner, Extension Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

9:30 a.m.-10 a.m.

Water, Fertilizer & Weeds: Surviving your first year

- Larry Stein, Extension Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

10 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

Break

10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

Developing a Pesticide Philosophy and IPM Program

- Monte Nesbitt, Extension Program Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

10:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m.

Economic Considerations for a Commercial Fruit Business

- Steven Klose, Extension Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

11:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Time Considerations in Fruit Production

- Jacy Lewis, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

11:45 a.m.-12 p.m.

Q&A

12 p.m.-1:15 p.m.

Lunch

***all registered participants welcome ***

Main Conference General Session 1: Marketing & Regulations

1:15 p.m.-1:45 p.m.

Worker Protection Safety Standards & Pesticide Use Regulations

- Melissa Barton; TDA Pesticide Inspector

1:45 p.m.-2:15 p.m.

Selling Texas Fruit in Farmers Markets

- David Rodriguez, CEA-Hort, Bexar County

2:15 p.m.-2:45 p.m.

Food Safety and Cottage Food Laws for Fruit Growers

- Juan Anciso, Extension Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

2:45 p.m.-3:15 p.m.

Break

Main Conference General Session 2: Alternative Fruit Crops

3:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m.

Climate Constraints on Fruit in Texas & Impact of Winter Storm Uri

- Tim Hartmann, Extension Program Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

3:45 p.m.-4:15 p.m.

The New Fruit Frontier: Alternatives and Possibilities for Texas Growers

- David Creech, Professor, Stephen F. Austin University

4:15 p.m.-4:45 p.m.

Audience Survey/Panel Discussion/Q&A (minor crop interest?)

5 p.m.-7 p.m.

Taste of Texas Fruit Reception ** all registered participants welcome **
heavy hors d'oeuvres to be served

Tuesday, October 12

Main Conference General Session 3: Fruit Research & Extension in Texas

8:30 a.m.-9:15 a.m.

Where We've Been: Reflections on Fruit Research & Extension Activities

- Larry Stein & Jim Kamas

9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Impacts & Outcomes of the Texas A&M Peach Breeding Program

- Dave Byrne, Professor, Texas A&M University

9:45 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

Break

10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

Figs: Past, Present, Future

- David Creech, Professor, Stephen F. Austin University

10:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Land Grant & Fruit Industry Collaboration

Amit Dhingra, Department Head, Texas A&M University Horticultural Sciences

11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Texas Fruit Grower Needs Panel Discussion

12 p.m.-1 p.m.

Lunch

open to main conference registrants

Main Conference General Session 4: Overview of Fruit Growing Approaches

1 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

Sustainable Fruit Growing

- Jacy Lewis, Program Manager, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

1:30 p.m.-2 p.m.

Growing Fruit Organically

- Bob Whitney, Extension Program Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

2 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

IPM in Fruit Growing

- Stephen Janak, Extension Program Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

2:30 p.m.-2:45 p.m.

What is your IQ on EIQ?

- Jacy Lewis, Extension Program Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

2:45 p.m.-3:15 p.m.

Break

Main Conference General Session 5: Fruit Crop Management

3:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m.

Nitrogen Management Options for Fruit Orchards

- Monte Nesbitt, Extension Program Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

3:45 p.m.-4:15 p.m.

Orchard Management for Cold Hardiness

- Jim Kamas, Extension Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

4:15 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Q&A, Evaluation & Adjourn