



## SPRING ORCHARD PEST AND POLLINATOR SHOWCASE

Offered at two locations:

### Sweetland Farm

97 Kerwin Hill Road, Norwich, VT 05055

Thursday May 9, 2024 from 4:30-7:00pm

### UVM Horticulture Research and Education Center (HREC) and Catamount Educational Farm

65 Green Mountain Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403

Friday May 10, 2024 from 4:30 to 7:00pm

Join the Vermont Tree Fruit Growers Association and the University of Vermont Extension at these free hands-on field meetings to increase your identification skills and understanding of common orchard pests, wild pollinators, insect habitat, and pollination in tree fruit production. These events are FREE and geared to commercial growers and people that work with them. **Pesticide applicator credits available: 2 credits for categories 1A, 10, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. Certified Crop Adviser CEUs available: 2 Integrated Pest Management credits.**

Registration is not required, but helpful for any unexpected announcements regarding the meetings. Let us know if you plan to attend by contacting Laura Johnson at [laura.o.johnson@uvm.edu](mailto:laura.o.johnson@uvm.edu) or 802-656-4827.

### AGENDA

4:30pm: *Welcome*, introductions (UVM and VTFGA)

4:40pm: *Overview* of the farm, current management practices in the orchard and future goals. (Farm host)

4:50pm: *Farm Service Agency and Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)* and waiver form CCC-860 (free coverage for qualifying individuals) (FSA County Rep)

5:00-5:50pm: *Pest ID and IPM check in*. Come learn what and how to identify key tree fruit pests in your orchard and let's discuss management strategies to protect your crop. (Dr. Terry Bradshaw, UVM and Bethany Pelletier, UVM Graduate Student and Research Assistant)

5:50pm: *FieldWatch*<sup>®</sup>. Learn about this tool and mapping registry that promotes communication between pesticide applicators, specialty crop producers, and beekeepers to reduce accidental pesticide exposure to sensitive crops and honey bees. (Sydney Miller, VT Bee Lab)

6:05pm: *Know Your 5 Tree Fruit Pollinators*. Introduction to wild pollinators and top bee species likely to be found pollinating your orchard crop and how to support them. (Spencer Hardy, VT Center for Ecostudies and Laura Johnson, UVM Extension)

6:20pm: *Pollinator and Pest Habitat Inventory*. Participate in a hands-on evaluation exercise to better understand where pests and pollinators may be nesting and foraging in and around your orchard (Julie Michaelson and Emily May, Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation)

6:50pm: Closing/evaluations/mingle (all)

To request a disability-related accommodation to participate in these programs, please call or email Laura Johnson at 802-656-4827 or [laura.o.johnson@uvm.edu](mailto:laura.o.johnson@uvm.edu) as soon as possible before the event you wish to attend so we may assist you. Contact Laura with questions.

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