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There is no cost for training sessions. However, there will be a \$30 registration fee that will cover handouts and refreshments.

Training location will vary depending on subject matter. Locations for these trainings will be in West Central MI. Exact locations to be announced.

They include The MSU Trevor Nichols Research Complex, Fennville, MI

Ottawa County Fillmore Complex at West Olive, MI. Other locations to be announced.

Instructors:

- Maurice B. Smith, USDA FSA Farm Loan Officer, Van Buren County.
- Bruce Vanderbosch, NRCS Field Conservationist, Allegan County.
- Mark Longstroth, MSU Extension Small Fruit
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Small Fruit Production Risk Management Resources and Tools



Training session series
start on March 6, 2020
and continue until April
17, 2020.

Training Agenda

Introduction

The Blueberry Risk Management Resources and Tools training program will meet once a week from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Training sessions include classroom and hands-on training and will be 4-hour long.

March 6, 2020 TNRC Fennville

- ◆ Protected Agriculture for berry production. Content: High tunnels Technology to protect berries from winter damage.
- ◆ NRCS: High Tunnel cost-sharing program; requirements, application procedure, NRCS compliance, etc.
- ◆ EQUIP Program: High Tunnel NRCE cost-sharing program. Requirements and application to access resources
- ◆ FSA: Farm loan program for underserved growers. High Tunnel loans and farm improvements.

March 13, 2020 Ottawa County

- ◆ FSA TAP assistance program for replanting Blueberry Stem Gall Wasp, winter damaged and diseased berry fields.
- ◆ Farm Management (Business Management Planning). Content: How to develop a business plan to pay for farm improvements; High Tunnels, replanting, etc.

March 20, 2020 (South Haven Comm College)

- ◆ IPM for managing current and new invasive pests. Enviroweather for managing the CBFW, CFW, BBM and Anthracnose fruit root.
- ◆ Building your Business Management Plan

March 25, 2020

- ◆ Continue Building your Business Management Plan

April 3, 2020 (TNRC Fennville)

- ◆ Protecting pollinators from pesticides.
- ◆ BMP to support pollinators in blueberries: NRCS pollinator/compliance program.

April 17, 2020

- ◆ Enviroweather: Use of weather information for winter, and drought damaged risk management; exclusion for SWD management. Non-chemical control of SWD in raspberries and blueberries with nets.
- ◆ Use of a Systems Science Approach to Pest Management for SWD management.
- ◆ Developing a successful SWD management program. Classroom practice to develop a successful insecticide application program using all information provided during the classroom session.



WHY YOU NEED TO ATTEND:

Michigan's blueberry growers have suffered extensive economic losses due to winter, droughts, invasive insect pests and new environmental and food safety legislations. In addition, depressed markets and foreign competition make Michigan's blueberry growers less competitive.

This training will deliver the much needed technical assistance and knowledge for growers to learn about the following topics:

- (1) Acquisition and management of agricultural credit for farm improvements.
- (2) Managing Production Risks associated with Climate Change.
- (3) Management of current, new invasive insect pests and secondary pest outbreaks.
- (4) Environmental regulations: Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) and Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA).

Register Online at : <https://events.anr.msu.edu/OttawaSmallFruitProductionRisk2020/>

Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting *Ottawa County Extension* at 616-994-4580 by 3/4/2020 to make arrangements.