# Tree Fruit Field Day Slated

UNIVERSITY PARK - Tree fruit growers will have the opportunity to see the latest in fruit production research at a Grower Field Day, scheduled for July 16 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Penn State's Fruit Research Laboratory ın Biglerville.

Penn State researchers, graduate students and staff will be on hand to discuss progress made in fruit production research.

The entomology faculty will present results of research being conducted in the laboratory and in the field. Presentations will focus on three major tree fruit pests: the tufted apple budmoth, the European red mite and the lesser peach tree borer. Areas of special interest will include monitoring for insecticide resistance, sex pheromone trapping, economic injury levels and the effect of insect damage on peach tree winter hardiness.

Horticultural research areas will focus on trickle irrigation in orchards, factors affecting peach tree winter hardiness, apple and peach rootstock evaluations, use of plant growth regulators in apple orchards, apple cultivars for processing and orchard nutrition.

In plant pathology, emphasis be on field evaluations designed to determine how sterolinhibiting fungicides act on the pathogens that cause apple scab, apple powdery mildew and brown rot of peaches, cherries and plums. Growers will see the latest developments in orchard disease predictors and will hear about research findings in the management of fireblight in orchards. The pre- and post-plant soil treatments on nematode/virus

disease control in peaches will be shown.

Tours and short presentations will highlight several important problems, and visitors will have the opportunity to discuss specific problems with researchers.

Lunch will be served by the Fruit Research Lab staff. The cost is \$4 per person. Mail lunch reservations no later than July 10 to Peg Shaffer, Penn State Fruit Research Lab, P.O. Box 309, Biglerville, PA 17307.

The Fruit Research Laboratory is one of three field research laboratories operated by Penn State's College of Agriculture. The laboratory is located off University Drive, near Biglerville in Adams County. Parking and admission are free.

For more information about the Grower Field Day, contact Peg Shaffer, (717) 677-6116.

## **ATV Class Scheduled**

NEWARK, Del. - A free ATV rider class will be offered Wednesday, July 22, at the Delaware State Fairgrounds in Harrington.

Open to riders of all ages, the class will include a safety inspection and a chance to drive on a special training course. The class will begin at 8:30 a.m., and parents of drivers are welcome to attend.

'By taking eight drivers through at a time, we think we can handle up to 50 participants," says Ron Jester. The University of Delaware extension safety specialist is coordinating the event.

Jester says participants must wear appropriate safety gear, including a helmet, goggles, longsleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy footwear. The driving course will include both a serpentine track and a figure-8 track, a ditch bank, an obstacle course, a restricted course with limited space and sharp turns, hill maneuvers, an acceleration lane and an emergency braking lane.

Twenty judges and assistants will be stationed along the course to analyze the performance of the drivers.

To register for the class, ATV owners can obtain registration forms from Delaware county extension offices and local ATV dealers. Registrations will be accepted until July 21.

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