

Special Workshop: Spotted Wing Drosophila/ Integrated Pest Management Training & Pesticides License Test for Blueberry Growers

Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) and Michigan Food & Farming Systems (MIFFS) will host a workshop for blueberry growers on Saturday August 11, 2018 from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM in the Van Buren County Human Services Building, East Conference Room in Paw Paw, Michigan.

The address is 801 Hazen Street, Paw Paw, MI 49079

This workshop is focused on Spotted Wing Drosophila (SWD) and managing SWD using a systems approach. The Systems approach shows growers how to integrate variables such as SWD behavior, the host plant, the chemical characteristics of specific insecticides and the weather at the target site during and after the insecticide application to improve control of SWD.

Participants can also take the Restricted Use Pesticide Applicator (RUP) Exam for growers who need to obtain their RUP certification or whose certification has expired. There will be a brief review of the RUP Training Manual (Private Applicator). The exam may be taken in **English or Spanish**. This workshop will earn 4RUP's to growers who want to renew their Pesticide Applicator Certification Certificate.

Workshop Agenda

Time/Hora	Topic	Person Responsible
8:30-9:00 AM	Registration	Filiberto Villa
9:00 – 9:45 AM	SWD Behavior: implications for its management and control.	Carlos García-Salazar
9:45 – 10:20 AM	Use of Enviroweather for SWD management- Lecture	Anamaría Gómez-Rodas
10:20 – 10:25 AM	Coffee Break	
10:25 – 11:30	Insecticides for SWD control: Use and Management under different weather conditions	Carlos García-Salazar
11:30 – 12:30 PM	Enviroweather Hands-on : Use of current and extended weather forecast to develop a successful IPM for SWD management	Anamaría Gómez-Rodas, Carlos García-Salazar, Mark Longstroth
12:30 – 1:00 PM	Preparing Your IPM Program for SWD Control	Anamaría Gómez-Rodas, Carlos García-Salazar, Mark Longstroth
1:00 – 1:30 PM	Lunch (Provided)	
1:00 – 3:00 PM	Pesticide Training: MI Core Training Manual review	Dr. Carlos García-Salazar
3:00 – 4:30 PM	Pesticide Applicator Certification Exam	Pesticide Inspectors MDARD

There is a workshop fee of \$20 per person to cover lunch and materials. A separate fee of \$50 per person (check or money order only, payable to the "State of Michigan") is required to take the exam to obtain a Restricted Use Pesticide Applicator Certificate.

For more information and pre-registration, contact either Filiberto Villa Gomez, Cell: 269-830-2309, Mark Longstroth at 269-657-8213, Carlos Garcia at garcias4@msu.edu, or call at 616-260-0671. **For online registration please visit:**

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