Here is how to keep up with the changes in the peach industry. You are invited to attend the Michigan 2013 Spring Peach Update—a whole day meeting with educational sessions and discussions on growing, packing and marketing high quality peaches.

Topics at this conference include new fungicides, managing fungicide resistance, options for managing new invasive insects, tree training, blossom thinning, and peach varieties.

Special out-of-state guest speakers are Dr. Greg Reighard, Dept of Hort, Clemson University, Kay Rentzel, manager of the National Peach Council, and Mr. Robert Fralinger of Fralinger Farms, Bridgeton, NJ. Also sharing their expertise will be Michigan State University specialists Dr. John Wise and Dr. George Sundin, and members of the Michigan peach industry.

Specific topics include:

- Peach crop load management—practice and options
- Update on peach system trial at Michigan State University
- Clemson University research on rootstocks for better productivity and survival of peaches and nectarines
- How to produce high quality peaches—tips from Fralinger Farms, NJ, an award-winning peach production and packing business
- New peach and nectarine variety options for fresh market growers
- New chemicals for management of brown rot on stone fruit
- New peaches from the MSU peach breeding program
- National issues facing peach growers
- Update from Titan Farms, South Carolina on their use of the Cinch blossom thinner
- Update on methods to manage the brown marmorated stink bug and spotted wing drosophila fly.

Lunch will be catered by Cravings Catering of Stevensville, MI featuring a peach dessert with Michigan peaches from Peterson Farms, Shelby, MI

For out of area visitors, lodging is available nearby at Benton Harbor / St Joseph / Stevensville I-94 exits 23, 27, 28 and 29 including Holiday Inn Express (269-927-4599), Comfort Inn (269-428-4888), Hampton Inn (269-429-2700), Red Roof Inn (269-927-2484), Courtyard Benton Harbor (269-925-3000), Holiday Inn Express and Suites (269-982-0004), and Baymont Inn and Suites (269-428-9111).

Attendees will be eligible to received Michigan Pesticide Applicator recertification credits toward the renewal of their license.
Please send in your registration in advance to save money and to help us plan and to speed your way when you arrive at the door.

Coffee, tea and snacks will be available when the door opens at 8 AM.

Directions to the Spring Peach Meeting at the SW Michigan Research and Extension Center, 1791 Hillandale Rd, Benton Harbor, MI

Travel on I-94 to exit 30 (Napier Avenue). Turn east on Napier and go 2 1/2 miles to Hillandale Road. Turn south (right) and travel to the entrance to SWMREC (about 1/4 mile on the east (left) side of Hillandale Road).

For additional directions call 269-944-1477 ext 201 or 203

The Michigan Peach Sponsors (MPS) is a non-profit, volunteer organization for support of the education, research, and promotion of peaches and nectarines. MPS represent the Michigan peach industry in legislative issues. MPS works closely with Michigan State University on issues concerning peaches.

We invite all interested individuals and organizations to become members of the Michigan Peach Sponsors. Members of the MPS receive newsletters, updates, and reduced rates for conferences sponsored by MPS plus the satisfaction of helping to promote the peach industry. Members of the MPS includes growers, farm marketers of peaches, business supporters, companies, organizations and other friends from Michigan and elsewhere.

Visit the Michigan Peach Sponsor web site for membership registration information and information about Michigan peaches

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*Add $5 per person for registrations mailed after March 1 or with registration at door.

Make checks or money orders (U.S. funds) payable to: Michigan Peach Sponsors. Mail by February 25th for lower cost (after this time, cost is $5 more per person)

mail to:

Spring Peach Conference
SW Mich Research and Extension Center
1791 Hillandale Rd, Benton Harbor, MI  49022

March 5, 2013 Spring Peach Meeting Registration

Registration materials and receipts will be at the registration desk. Registration fee covers refreshments, catered lunch, educational program, and handout materials.

For further meeting information, contact the conference coordinator
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This meeting is brought to you by the Michigan Peach Sponsors, Michigan State University, and the Michigan Horticultural Society

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