



# 2023 Southwestern Illinois Commercial Tree Fruit School

Serving Commercial Growers throughout  
Southern Illinois and Missouri

**Thursday,  
February 9  
7:45 AM**

**Knights of Columbus Hall**

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Register In Advance: \$40/Person (\$35 each  
additional attendee)

Registration after February 2: \$50/Person

Online: [go.illinois.edu/TreeFruitSchool](https://go.illinois.edu/TreeFruitSchool)

By mail: Submit the registration form and  
payment by January 30

For current research-based information on growing tree fruits, attend the 2023 Tree Fruit School. This year's program features a wide range of topics to help you meet the challenges of commercial fruit production in Southwestern Illinois. Industry representatives will also be on hand to talk about their latest products and services.

Current trends in insect and disease management and a variety of other production-related topics will be discussed.

Speakers include:

- **Mohammad Babadoost** with University of Illinois discussing peach and apple diseases.
- **Trent Ford**, State Climatologist with the Illinois State Water Survey, with a review of 2022 and a look forward to 2023 and beyond.
- **Kacie Athey** with University of Illinois reviewing tree fruit pest management.
- **Justin Taylor** with Valent U.S.A., LLC discussing a new option for apple and peach thinning.
- **Elizabeth Wahle** with University of Illinois Extension discussing recent research on EverCrisp apples.

**Registration includes lunch and one copy of the 2023  
Midwest Fruit Pest Management Guide!**



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## Schedule of Events

<b>7:45 AM</b>	<b>Registration Opens</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Tree Fruit Insect Pest Management Focusing on Woolly Apple Aphids, Oriental Fruit Moth and Plum Curculio</b> Kacie Athey, Assistant Professor and Faculty Extension Specialist, University of Illinois
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Accede: A New Option from Valent for Apple and Peach Thinning</b> Justin Taylor, Regional Marketing Manager, North America, Valent U.S.A., LLC
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Grower Talk: 2022 Season in Review</b> Rick Camp, Camp's Orchard
<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>BREAK — visit with vendors</b>
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Peach: Occurrence and Management of Peach Diseases</b> Mohammad Babadoost, Professor and Faculty Extension Specialist, University of Illinois
<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Warmer Winters and Spring: Impacts to Tree Fruit and a Look Ahead to 2023</b> Trent Ford, State Climatologist, Prairie Research Institute, University of Illinois
<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Updates on Management of Major Apple Diseases</b> Mohammad Babadoost, Professor and Faculty Extension Specialist, University of Illinois
<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>Lunch Provided</b>
<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Grower Talk: Newly Adopted Practices at Eckert's</b> Chris Eckert, President, Eckert's
<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>Research Update: Reducing the Incidence of Calyx-End Cracking in "EverCrisp" Apple</b> Elizabeth Wahle, Extension Educator, Commercial Agriculture, University of Illinois Extension

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Advanced registration (**Preferred**) is \$40 per person on or before February 2, 2023 (lunch included). Orchards sending more than one employee: \$40 for the first person and \$35 for each additional person. Lunch is included. Registration after February 2 is \$50.

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Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
County \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Name(s) of additional persons attending: \_\_\_\_\_