2021-22 PEAR IPM STUDY CIRCLES

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Format: Each study circle meeting will include a 30 min presentation and 2 hrs of facilitated discussion. A meal break will provide informal networking time. Come with your ideas to share. *2 pesticide credits with WSDA approval.

Location: Mission Creek Community Club 4724 Mission Creek Road, Cashmere WA 98815. Simultaneous virtual option available through WSU webinars (zoom).

Registration: Signup at treefruit.wsu.edu/events. Walk-ins okay for in-person. Registration required for virtual.

NOTE: We will be following local and state guidelines pertaining to COVID safety. Registrants will be notified if event capacity is limited or if the event is canceled due to state COVID-19 restrictions.

Oct 19, 2021 3-6pm
Choosing products that work: A discussion of pesticide efficacy*
2019-2021 research results from Louis Nottingham, WSU Entomology.
Grower experience from the field. Outside event weather permitting.

Nov 23, 2021 3-6pm
Honeydew Washing Systems - Adding a Cultural Control to your Toolbox*
2020 research results from Tianna DuPont, WSU Extension.

Dec 14, 2021 3-6pm
Using pear psylla phenology to better time applications*
Outline of the new psylla phenology model from Louis Nottingham, WSU Entomology. Examples of scouting information showing when the model has worked and when it has not. Brief intro to potential scouting app. Discussion of getting weather stations to improve accuracy. Discussion of how growers/consultants want to best access data.

Jan 11, 2022 3-6pm
Assembling IPM programs that work*
Discussion of IPM and bio-based IPM programs step by step through the season and new research on natural enemy impacts of current products, Louis Nottingham, WSU Entomology.

Feb 8, 2022 3-6pm
How can we integrate thresholds and scouting?*
Current research on thresholds for psylla and natural enemies. Input on phone application/website for data access.

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2021-22 PEAR HORTICULTURE STUDY CIRCLES

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Oct 26, 2021 3-6pm Are you happy with your orchard productivity? Come prepared to discuss: Do you have blocks with too much or not enough vigor - why? What makes blocks you are happy with behave with good balance? Challenging blocks with not enough fruit set? Stefano Musacchi, WSU Horticulture and local growers will participate in a facilitated discussion. Outside event weather permitting.

Nov 30, 2021 3-6pm Irrigation for Fruit Quality New research results and case studies with Lee Kalcsits, WSU Horticulture followed by facilitated discussion.

Jan 25, 2022 TBA

Feb 22, 2022 3-6pm Pear Post Harvest Survey and Superficial Scald Help us identify successful post harvest practices for pear quality with Chris Hedges, WSU Extension and Carolina Torres, WSU Horticulture.

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