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MORNING SESSION

8:30 Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:00 Introduction & Overview of Program
Dr. Joseph Fiola, Specialist in Viticulture and Small Fruit, University of Maryland Extension (UME), WMREC, Keedysville, MD.

9:10 Spotted Winged and Small Fruit Insect Update
Dr. Kelly Hamby, Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist in Entomology, Department of Entomology, University of Maryland, College Park, MD

9:40 Nutrient Management Update & Recertification
Keith Potter, Nutrient Management Specialist, MD Department of Agriculture, Cumberland, MD

10:10 Break & Visit Displays

10:30 Pesticide Regulatory Update
Ashley Jones, Entomologist, Special Programs, Maryland Department of Agriculture, Annapolis, MD

10:50 Specialty Crops – Moving from a Push-Through to a Pull-Through Marketing Plan
Ginger S. Myers, Director, Maryland Rural Enterprise Development Center University of Maryland Extension Marketing Specialist, WMREC, Keedysville, MD.

11:30 Potential for Hops Production in Maryland
Ronald David Myers, Extension Educator, University of Maryland Extension-Anne Arundel County Office, Gambrills, MD

AFTERNOON SESSION

12:10 Lunch and Visit Displays

1:10 MSHS & Maryland Apple Promotion Board Update
Bill Gardenhour, Apple Promotion Board Update Gardenhour Orchards, Smithsburg, MD.

1:25 MSHS Arthur Thompson Travel Fellowship 2015 - Soils and Fruit Crops
Jaclyn C. Fiola, B.S. Plant Sciences; B.S. Soil and Watershed Sciences, University of Maryland, College Park, MD

Dr. Cassandra L. Swett, Assistant Professor and Specialist in Grape and Small fruit pathology, PSLA, University of Maryland, College Park, MD

2:25 Break & Visit Displays

2:45 Update on Attract-and-Kill and Trap Type/Lure Comparisons for BMSB
Brent Short, Biological Science Lab Technician and Rob Morrison, Ph.D., Post-doctoral Researcher, USDA-ARS Appalachian Fruit Research Station, Kearneysville, WV.

3:30 Apple and Pear Maturity, Quality and Storage Disorders: Lessons Learned in 2015; and Next Steps for FSMA
Dr. Chris Walsh, Professor, PSLA, University of Maryland, College Park, MD

4:00+ Discussion Questions, Comments, Pesticide and Nutrient Management Recertification, Program Evaluation, and Adjourn

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