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COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY**

Monday, February 21, 2022 (10 am – 12 pm)

Western Colorado Research Center-Orchard Mesa (WCRC-OM)

Short Course

***Pruning & Crop Load Management:
Peach Training Systems & Frost Damage Mitigation***

During the last 5 years the CSU Pomology program at WCRC (CSU Pomology, <http://minas.agsci.colostate.edu>) main goal has been to improve information delivery to Colorado tree fruit growers. Our first step was to focus on developing a relevant applied stone fruit research program that will address the major problems of Colorado peach industry and eventually provide local research information through website updates, field days and the annual WCHS conference. Our second step, is to develop educational material for Colorado tree fruit growers to be available through focused extension courses, workshops and seminars.

The present workshop titled ***Pruning & Crop Load Management: Peach Training Systems & Frost Damage Mitigation*** is designed for advanced tree fruit growers and/or small scale-growers to provide the information resources on the fundamentals of fruit tree responses to pruning as well as strategies for crop load management across various canopy architectures.

This **half day** workshop delivered by experienced research and extension educators will provide hands-on experience and on-farm education at the WCRC experimental orchard on cold damage pruning and precision crop load management of peaches across various training systems.

Aspects of Tree Fruit Management to be covered in this workshop are:

Hands-on/in the field (WCRC-OM) 10 am – 12 pm: Tour of peach training systems block, pruning and precision crop load management demonstration/strategies (Ioannis Minas)

Registration fees: Free, provided by CDA funding; 45 growers maximum

Workshop information: David Sterle, david.sterle@colostate.edu; Masks required indoors.

