

Fall Fruit Field Day Evaluation August 19, 2011

Please spend a few moments and complete this evaluation. Circle the number that best corresponds to your assessment for each of the areas presented. Your responses will remain anonymous. Thank you for taking the time to fill out our survey.

(1) What county do you reside in?

- Monroe: (2)
- Vernon: (5)
- Eau Claire: (5)
- La Crosse: (2)
- Buffalo: (10)
- Trempealeau: (2)
- Waukesha: (1)
- Jackson: (4)
- Chippewa: (1)
- Marathon: (1)
- Marquette: (1)

(2) Are you currently growing fruit for commercial production or as a hobby?

No: (8)

- Ag Education
- Ag Ed. Teacher

Yes: (26)

Commercial, # of acres

- 107 acres of cranberry
- 5 acres
- ½ acre
- 5 acres
- 2 acres
- 2 acres
- 1.5 acres
- .5 acre

Hobby, # of acres

- Small, blueberries
- Less than an acre
- ½ acre
- ½ acre
- ½ acre
- 1 acre.

- 5 acre
- 1 acre
- .5 acre
- Didn't specify amount of land
- < 1 acre
- 6 plants and 10 more coming
- < 1 acre
- 80 acres
- 1/3 acre
- ½ acre
- 5 acres
- ¼ acre

- Garden, private use

(3) Have you attended a UW-Extension meeting in the past?

a) Yes: (18)

b) No : (15)

- Growing Fruit Seminar in Bangor this past spring

(4) From the following list of topics that were covered today, please indicate how useful you found each to be. (Please circle one number for each topic.)

Topics	Not Useful	Slightly Useful	Moderately Useful	Very Useful	N/a
Putting Fruit to Bed for the Winter—Fall Care	1	2 (6)	3 (9)	4 (19)	1 (1)
Alternative Fruits and Basic Preparation for Next Spring	1 (1)	2 (4)	3 (15)	4 (15)	
Disease Management of Fruit Crops	1 (1)	2 (4)	3 (7)	4 (23)	

(5) Do you intend to do anything differently as a result of today's workshop?

a) Yes: (29)

Please explain:

- Grape Training
- Shoot removal on grapes
- Irrigation for blueberry
- Education more in-depth in class
- Use resources publications

- Spray in spring and pay more attention in early spring
- Keeping up with the little, everyday chores that need doing to create a bountiful product
- How to prune the grapes so there is not so much foliage, very information
- Put in irrigation system for blueberries
- Not use nitrogen late in the year
- Set up irrigation
- Start to look at fruit to grow
- Watering to put fruits to bed
- Fertilize better
- Work on pruning
- Clear weeds out at end of the year
- Be sure the booklet you have about spraying pesticides is current
- Educate in class this information
- Daily, weekly, monthly, yearly jobs
- Be more vigilant about daily, monthly, yearly tasks
- Cut out diseased plants and remove from orchard
- Marketing
- Not sure, fertilizing weed control
- Put in irrigation system and more mulch
- More pH testing and include more fall work on the plants
- Understanding of pH and nutrients
- Plant!
- All information is useful
- Plant additional plants more shallow
- Got some helpful hints on how to prune blueberries

b) No: (4)

(6) What would you like to see addressed at a future field day?

- Encourage less use of fertilizer and pesticide
- Encourage value added
- Encourage local networking
- Encourage research alternatives growing, i.e. Permaculture Biodynamic, Diversification of crops
- Currant- rivs family
- Honeyberry
- Setting up these fruit operations from the beginning
- Strawberries
- Apples
- Talk about more varieties of fruit
- Potential diseases
- Difference between fruit varieties
- Costs of plants
- Apple tree knowledge
- Plums, cherries, pears, grape knowledge
- Establishing fruit crops

- Strawberries
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- More about marketing
- Marketing
- Comparison to other commercial operations in the Midwest
 - o Yield, acreage, etc.
- Marketing ideas, best practices
- Apples
- More organic growing details
- Pest control
- Basic stuff – getting started for dummies
- Pest management
- Organic farming