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Monday, January 17, 2022 (9 am – 12 pm)

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

Short Course

***Pruning & Training:
Peaches & Cherries following freeze damage***

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 & Training: Peaches & Cherries following freeze damage*** 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 pruning after a freeze event. This **half day** workshop delivered by experienced research and extension educators will incorporate lectures and applied research data to provide information on pruning and cold damage assessment/pruning of peaches and cherries, as well as hands-on experience and on-farm education at the WCRC experimental orchard.





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

Lecture part (WCRC-OM) 9 am – 1045 am:

Freezing events and cold damage assessment in the field (Ioannis Minas & David Sterle)

Fruit tree pruning & training responses (Ioannis Minas)

Peach & cherry training systems (Brendon Anthony)

Influence of cultivar and rootstock selection (Jeff Pieper & David Sterle)

Cold damage pruning strategies (Ioannis Minas & David Sterle)

Break – 15 minutes

Hands-on part (WCRC-OM) 11 am – 12 pm: Tour of peach and cherry blocks, pruning demonstrations and responses to previous season pruning strategies (Ioannis Minas)

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

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

