Principles of Tree Fruit Production: beginner grower’s edition

Workshop details
+ Day/Time: Monday 15 January, 2018, 8:00 am-5:00 pm
+ Location: Western Colorado Research Center, Orchard Mesa
  3168 B 1/2 Rd, Grand Junction, CO 81503

Workshop description
Understanding the fundamentals of tree biology is essential to making sound orchard management and business decisions in the tree fruit industry. This full day workshop will cover the basics of tree fruit production, including specific crops, disease, pest and management issues related to tree fruit. The workshop is delivered by experienced research and extension educators that incorporate lectures and applied research data to provide information on all aspects of fruit-tree biology. Special focus is given on relationships between plant biology and fruit orchard management on peach production under Colorado growing conditions.

Topics
Site, cultivar and rootstock selection | Orchard establishment | Bearing habits of fruit trees | Flowering and pollination | Dormancy, cold hardiness and frost protection | Fruit tree pruning and training systems | Irrigation and fertilization management | Diseases, pests and IPM in tree fruit production | Fruit growth and thinning | Harvest and postharvest handling | Tree-fruit enterprise budget

Target audience
Small scale and beginner growers, extension agents, agriculture professionals, crew leaders and orchard managers

Registration Fees
$100 (lunch, coffee and refreshements provided)

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