



## Massachusetts Fruit Growers' Association, Inc.

P.O. Box 9632, North Amherst, MA 01059-9632

# Annual Summer Meeting

in cooperation with the University of Massachusetts Amherst Fruit Program

**Friday, July 14, 2006, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

UMass Cold Spring Orchard Research & Education Center  
391 Sabin Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts

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| 10:00 AM | Welcome to UMass Cold Spring Orchard -- Duane Greene & Wes Autio  |
| 10:20 AM | Orchard Tour -- Current UMass research on several topics will be discussed on the tour. A few examples include wine and table grapes, summer-disease management, thinning, growth control, varieties, and rootstocks. |
| NOON     | Barbeque presented by RedBones of Somerville (Memphis pork ribs, Georgia pulled prok, pulled chicken, BBQ beef, dirty rice, cole slaw, BBQ beans, and plenty of BBQ sauce) -- \$12 per person (see below)             |
| 1:30 PM  | Welcome to the Annual Summer Meeting -- Ken Nicewicz  |
| 1:40 PM  | An Update on Labor for the Upcoming Harvest Season -- Joe Young   |
| 2:00 PM  | Results of the marketing and research grant recently received by the fruit growers -<br>- Mo Tougas and Ken Nicewicz  |
| 2:15 PM  | Perspectives of the north Jersey tree fruit industry- focus on direct marketing -- Win Cowgill, Rutgers University  |
| 3:00 PM  | Adjourn   |

***One hour of pesticide-license-recertification credit will be offered for the day.***

**Directions to UMass Cold Spring Orchard:** *From Belchertown Center*, proceed on Route 181 toward Palmer for about 2 miles, bear left onto Cold Spring Road. In about 0.5 miles, bear left onto Sabin Street. We will convene at Chandler Laboratory, the newer red building on the left. *From the Route 9/Route 202 intersection*, take Route 9 East for about 2.5 miles, and turn right onto Sabin Street. In approximately 1.75 miles, you will see orchard trees on both sides of the road and Chandler Laboratory will be on your right.

To help us plan for the meal, please make luncheon reservations (including the number attending) **on or before Monday, July 10** by contacting Doreen York. We will collect all money at the Summer Meeting. **If we do not receive a reservation by July 10, we cannot assure the availability of lunch for you.**

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