BLUEBERRY OPEN HOUSE
Wednesday, February 23, 2011

Dear Grower:

The 2011 BLUEBERRY OPEN HOUSE has been organized to include valuable information from many sources. We are holding our meeting at Kerri Brooke Caterers in Hammonton (map on back). I hope you will schedule this valuable meeting on your calendar. Kerri Brooke Caterers is accessible to the handicapped.

The registration form includes the opportunity for you to subscribe to The Blueberry Bulletin at the same time you register for the Blueberry Open House. The Blueberry Bulletin ‘Reader Survey’ is on the back of the ‘Registration Form’. Please take a minute to fill it out. Thank you.

Program

9:00 a.m.  Registration:  Coffee & Danish
9:30  ‘2010 Blueberry Statistics’:  Mr. Troy Joshua, Director, NJ Agricultural Statistics Service, N.J. Dept. of Agriculture
9:45  ‘Fitting New Blueberry Herbicides into Your Weed Control Program’:  Brad Majek, Specialist in Weed Science, Rutgers University
10:05  ‘Brown Marmorated Stink Bug – New Threat to Agriculture’:  Dr. George Hamilton, Extension Specialist in Pest Management, RCRE
10:25  ‘Monitoring and Recognition of Brown Marmorated Stink Bug in Fruit Crops’:  Dean Polk, Fruit IPM Agent, Rutgers University
10:45  BREAK
11:00  ‘Disease Management Options for the 2011 Blueberry Season’:  Dr. Peter Oudemans, Specialist in Blueberry & Cranberry Plant Pathology, Rutgers University
11:20  ‘Blueberry Rust – An Epiphytotic Disease’:  James Polashock, USDA-ARS
11:40  ‘Fertilizer - Are You Getting What You Paid For?’  Dr. Gary C. Pavlis, County Ag Agent, Rutgers University
12:00  Lunch
1:15  ‘Landscape Influence on Blueberry Maggot Fly Spatial Distribution’:  Dr. Faruque Zaman, Dept. of Entomology, Rutgers University
1:30  ‘Pesticide Safety and Update for Blueberry Growers for 2011’:  Patricia Hastings, Pesticide Safety Education Program Coordinator, Rutgers University
2:00  ‘Invasive and Flexible:  ‘Spotting’ the Uninvited’:  Dr. Amy J. Dreves, Oregon State University, Dept. of Crop and Soil Science
2:30  BREAK
2:45  ‘New Methods for Cranberry Weevil and Plum Curculio Management in Blueberries’:  Dr. Cesar Rodriguez-Saona, Specialist in Blueberry and Cranberry Entomology, Rutgers University
3:05  ‘Blueberry Pest Presence and Injury in 2010’:  Gene Rizio, Blueberry IPM, Rutgers University
3:25  ‘Blueberry Pollination by Native, Wild Bees’:  Rachael Winfree, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Entomology, Rutgers University
3:45  ‘Adjourn: Pesticide Re-certification Credits’

Sincerely,

Gary C. Pavlis, Ph.D.
Atlantic County Agricultural Agent

RECERTIFICATION CREDITS OFFERED:
Core – 1 unit
1A, PP2, 10 – 5 units