

Pomology Program Annual Fruit Field Day



The University of Idaho Annual Fruit Field Day will be held on **Friday August 28, 2015; 8:30 am to 1:00 pm at the U of I Parma Research and Extension Center Pomology Orchard and Vineyard site, about 4 miles north of Parma, Idaho.** The registration will start at 8:30 am and program will start at 9:00 am (sharp). Several cultivars of new table grapes, peaches, nectarines, apples, plums, quince, Asian pears, and other alternative fruits will be presented during the tour. Participants can taste many of these fruits. Highlights of this event will be:

- 1) The field day will start at the **U of I Pomology Orchard Site** with discussion on fruit research and production, orchard mechanization, visiting several fruit-industry commercial booths, and the opportunity to taste several types and cultivars of fruits.
- 2) Tour of the U of I comprehensive research projects on 'Fuji' apple irrigation, fruit nutrition, chemical thinning, and pesticides uses.
- 3) Tour of the modern super high-density apple orchard with new architectures and rootstocks.
- 4) Tour of girdling practice to reduce tree size and increase fruit size in apple
- 5) Mechanization for spraying, harvest, thinning, stress evaluation, and tree/vine training to reduce labor.
- 6) Tour of the stone fruit selection research orchard.
- 7) Tour of the alternative fruit crops, including quince, Asian pears, persimmons, Jujube, Haskaps, etc.
- 8) Tour of the national apple rootstock selection research (NC-140).
- 9) Tour of the peach research.
- 10) Tour of the table grape vineyards, new grape canopy research.

Note: All tours include discussion/questions/answers on various cultural practices of fruit crops, including planting, growth regulators, pruning, thinning, girdling, irrigation, pest and disease control, safety in chemical application, use of chemical and environmental safety..

Directions:

Electronic/GPS/Google Map Users: Use the following address: **31727 Parma Rd, Parma, Idaho 83660**

From Ontario: Take I-84 East about 4 mi. Take Exit 3 toward Payette/Parma. Turn right onto US95 toward Parma and continue for 9.7 mi. Turn left onto Pearl Road continue 1 mi. Turn right on Parma Road approx. 0.2 mi to orchards/vineyards on right.

From Boise/Caldwell: Take I-84 West. Take US20/26 Exit 26 toward Notus/Parma. Turn left onto Hwy 20/26 and continue for 18.0 mi. Turn right onto Pearl Rd and go 1 mi. Turn right on Parma Rd and go approx.0.2 mi. Orchards and vineyards will be on the right.

From Parma R&E Center: North on U of I Lane 0.4 mi. Turn right onto Klahr and continue for 0.4 mi. Turn left onto Parma Road and continue for 1.8 mi. Orchard/vineyards will be on the left

When: **Friday, August 28, 2015**, 8:30 am till 1:00 pm

Cost: The Event will be Free of Charge. **Catered Lunch can be purchased in the orchard at your own expense.**

Who Can Participate? Open to the Public. Those interested in fruit production, including commercial growers, small farm growers, alternative fruit growers, home gardeners, Master gardeners, horticultural professionals and graduate students, extension and research faculty/staff, horticultural hobbyist, and fruit industry representatives are welcome. **Two Pesticide Credits** will be offered to those who attend the entire field day. Please Call 208-722-6701 ext 228 Or **Dr. Essie Fallahi** (efallahi@uidaho.edu) at 208-722-6701 Ext. 225 if you have questions. OR send an email to **maurineb@uidaho.edu**

