

Pomology Program Annual Fruit Field Day



The University of Idaho Annual Fruit Field Day will be held on **Friday, September 17, 2010 from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm**. The registration will start at 8:30 am and program will start at 9:00 am. Several cultivars of new table grapes, peaches, nectarines, apples, quinces, Asian pears, and other alternative fruits will be presented during the tour. Participants can taste many of these fruits and visit displays of several fruit-related agri-business booths. Highlights of this event will be:

- 1) Presentation and tasting of several types and cultivars of fruits at the U of I Pomology Orchard (about 3 miles north of the main office complex) and discussion on application of growth bio-regulators in fruit crops
- 2) Tour of the U of I comprehensive research projects on 'Fuji' apple irrigation and nutrition, chemical thinning, and pesticides uses
- 3) Tour of the new super high density apple orchard with high spindle and vertical axe canopy systems.
- 4) Tour of the alternative fruit crops, including quinces, Asian pears, persimmons, Jujube, Haskaps, and mulberries.
- 5) Tour of the national apple rootstock study and V shape planting system.
- 6) Tour of the table grape vineyards, new grape canopy experiment, peaches and nectarines, and discussion/questions/answers on various cultural practices of fruit crops, including planting, growth regulators, pruning, thinning, girdling, pest control, and irrigation.

Where: University of Idaho, Parma Research & Extension Center in Parma, on the lawn in front of the main office complex. *Going west on Highway 20/26 in Parma, turn right at M&W grocery store, go for about 1/3 miles and turn left on U of I Lane and go north for about 1 mile.*

When: **Friday, September 17, 2010**, Starts at 8:30 am (sharp) till 1:00 pm

Cost: Free of Charge

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. **Four Pesticide Credits will be offered.** Please Call 208-722-6701 ext 228 or Dr. Essie Fallahi at 208-722-6701 Ext. 225 if you have questions.

