



Indiana Horticultural Conference Fruit Agenda

January 15, 2025 – Hendricks County Fairgrounds

**Fruit 1, (Tree fruit)**

8:00-9:00 – Registration

9:00-9:30 – How to assemble and place fruit insect monitoring traps in the orchard, Elizabeth Long, Purdue University

9:30-10:00 – Defining the threat posed by the invasive Spotted Lanternfly to specialty crops and tools for their monitoring and management, Tracy Leskey, USDA West Virginia

10:00-10:30 – Irrigation, Mark Torkelson, Indiana Irrigation

10:30-11:00 – Coffee break

11:00-11:30 – Herbicide application technologies, Steve Meyers, Purdue University

11:30-noon – Update from the Office of the Indiana State Chemist, Aaron Kreider

Noon-1:00 – Lunch, provided

1:00-1:30 – Retooling IPM programs to accommodate the changing pest status of plum curculio, Tracy Leskey, USDA West Virginia

1:30-2:00 – Apple rootstock update, Peter Hirst, Purdue University

2:00-2:30 – Trellising and high-density production systems, Peter Hirst, Purdue University

2:30-3:00 – Coffee Break, poster session

3:00-4:00— Round table discussion: Heirloom and hard-to-find varieties, Peter Hirst, Purdue University

4:00-4:30 – PARP recertification

**Fruit 2, (Small fruit)**

1:00-1:30 – Intro to growing grapes, Miranda Purcell, Purdue University

1:30-2:00 – New threats to strawberry crops: Understanding and managing Neopestalotiopsis  
, Cesar Escalante, Purdue University

2:00-2:30 – Managing spotted-wing drosophila in small fruit, Elizabeth Long, Purdue University

2:30-3:00 – Coffee break, poster session

4:00-4:30 – PARP recertification