



**New Growers      Commercial Producers      Home Gardeners      Fruit Enthusiasts**

## ***Educational Program Schedule***

### **DAY 1-Tentative Program**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>October 31st, 2016</b>	<b>City of New Braunfels Civic Convention Center</b>
<b>Afternoon</b>		
<b>11:30-1:00 pm</b>	<b>On-Site Registration</b>	
<b>1:00-4:30</b>	<b><i>New Grower Session</i></b>	
<b>1:00</b>	<i>History of Commercial Fruit Growing in Texas</i>	Dr. George Ray McEachern, Texas A&M University
<b>1:40</b>	<i>Keys to Successful Small Acreage Fruit Growing</i>	Jim Kamas, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Fredericksburg
<b>2:10</b>	<i>Successful Outcomes in Farmers Markets</i>	Laura Miller, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Tarrant County
<b>2:40</b>	<b><i>Break-Visit with Exhibitors</i></b>	
<b>3:00</b>	<i>Common Mistakes with Fruit Tree Fertilizer</i>	Dr. Larry Stein, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Uvalde
<b>3:30</b>	<i>Water Needs, Delivery and Conservation for Fruit Trees</i>	Monte Nesbitt, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, College Station
<b>4:00</b>	<i>Locally Grown, Organic, Natural, BioDynamic—Produce Labels &amp; Consumer Demand</i>	TBD
<b>4:30</b>	<b><i>Ask the Experts Panel Discussion</i></b>	
<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b><i>Adjourn</i></b>	
<b>6:00-7:30 pm</b>	<b><i>Welcome Reception for Everyone</i></b>	<b>Courtyard New Braunfels River Village</b>
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# Texas Fruit Conference Educational Program

## DAY 2-Tentative Program

<b>Tuesday November 1st Morning</b>		
<b>8:00am-8:30 am</b>	On-Site Registration	
<b>8:30</b>	<i>All About Avocados</i>	Dr. Larry Stein, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Uvalde
<b>9:00</b>	<i>The Oily Romance of Olives in Texas</i>	Monte Nesbitt, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, College Station
<b>9:30</b>	<i>Table Grapes-Reality or Fantasy for Texas?</i>	Jim Kamas, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Fredericksburg
<b>10:00</b>	Break	
<b>10:30</b>	<i>Early Results of High Tunnel Blackberries</i>	Dr. Russ Wallace, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Lubbock
<b>11:00</b>	<i>Improving Stone Fruit Performance through Rootstock Selection</i>	Dr. Tom Beckman, USDA-ARS Southeastern Fruit & Tree Nut Laboratory, Byron, Ga.
<b>11:30</b>	<i>Texas Cider—New Comeback for an Old World Fruit Product</i>	Wes Mickel, Argus Cidery, Austin, Texas
<b>12:00-1:00 pm</b>	<b>Lunch Provided</b>	
<b>1:00pm</b>	<i>Experiences in Starting a Fruit Orchard</i>	Tim McCaskill, Austin Orchards
<b>1:30 pm</b>	<i>Stinkbugs &amp; Leaf-footed bugs—Traditional and Organic Approaches to Control</i>	Bill Ree, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, College Station
<b>2:00 pm</b>	Most-diagnosed Fruit Diseases in Texas	Dr. Kevin Ong, Texas Plant Disease Diagnostic Laboratory
<b>2:30 pm</b>	<i>Break—Visit with Exhibitors</i>	
<b>3:00 pm</b>	<i>Global Trends in Consumer Demand for Peaches and Other Stone Fruits</i>	Dr. Dave Byrne, Texas A&M University, College Station
<b>3:30 pm</b>	<i>Southeastern Medium-Chill Peaches for Consideration in Texas</i>	Dr. Tom Beckman, USDA-ARS Southeastern Fruit & Tree Nut Laboratory, Byron, Ga.
<b>4:00 pm</b>	<i>Beyond the Fringe—Exotic, High-Value Fruit and their Potential for Success/failure in Texas</i>	Tim Hartmann, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, College Station
<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Pomegranate Update &amp; Tasting</b>	
		Jim Kamas, Larry Stein & Beth McMahon
<b>5:00 pm</b>	<i>Conference Adjourns</i>	