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GRAPE & MUSCADINE SHORT COURSE



Learn to grow grapes and muscadines for local markets and wineries!

February 26 and August 20,
2015 in Verona, MS

This project is funded by a grant from the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce via the NIFA Specialty Crops Block Grant program.

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Location: **VERONA, MS** Fee: None

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Grape & Muscadine Short Course Agenda

February 26, 2015

- 8:30 Sign-in begins
- 8:45 Welcome and Pretest
Dr. Eric Stafne and Dr. Jeff Wilson
- 9:00 Climate and other considerations
Dr. Eric Stafne
- 9:30 Site Selection and Preparation
Dr. Christine Coker
- 10:00 Cultivars
Dr. Eric Stafne
- 10:30 Irrigation and Fertilization
Dr. Jeff Wilson
- 11:00 Training and Trellis Options
Dr. Donna Shaw
- 11:30 Pest Management
Dr. Eric Stafne
- 12:00 Pruning
Dr. Eric Stafne
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:30 Posttest and departure to field location
Cherry Creek Orchards, Pontotoc, MS
- 2:30 Hands-on Pruning and Q&A with instructors and vineyard owner
Wylee Stark, Cherry Creek Orchards
- 5:00 End

August 20, 2015

- 8:30 Sign-in begins
- 8:45 Welcome and Pretest
Dr. Eric Stafne and Dr. Jeff Wilson
- 9:00 Harvest and Fruit Quality Considerations
Dr. Eric Stafne
- 9:30 Postharvest Handling
Dr. Juan Silva
- 10:00 Marketing Nutrition — Grapes and Muscadines
Dr. Donna Shaw
- 10:00 Fruit Processing
Dr. Juan Silva
- 10:30 Local Marketing and MS MarketMaker
Dr. Christine Coker and Randy Coker
- 11:00 Economics of Grapes in Mississippi
Dr. Alba Collart
- 12:00 Explanation of Wine Laws in Mississippi
Mark Hicks, MS Alcoholic Beverage Control
- 12:30 Lunch and Panel Discussion
Lonnie Bailey (Winery at Williams Landing),
others TBD
- 1:30 Posttest and departure to field location
Cherry Creek Orchards, Pontotoc, MS
- 2:30 Hands on vine inspection and fruit quality analysis and Q & A with vineyard owner
Wylee Stark, Cherry Creek Orchards
- 5:00 End

This course is designed to accommodate current and potential grape and muscadine growers interested in COMMERCIAL production. You will have the opportunity to interact with fellow growers, winery owners, and researchers to help answer your questions and gain confidence in producing grapes and muscadines.

Directions to the Short Course

MSU North Mississippi Research and Extension Center
5421 Hwy 145 S.
Verona, MS 38879
Phone: (662) 566-2201

The two course dates are linked, where the information in the first relates to the second. It is intended that students will attend both dates, although it is not a strict requirement.

Topics and Speakers are tentative and may change at any time.