

2020

**Texas Fruit
 Conference**



September 21st & 22nd,
Presented virtually on ZOOM



Day 1-Monday; September 21st-Intro to Fruit Growing Workshop \$50

A crash course in starting a fruit orchard in Texas: Crop and variety options, soil and water evaluation, orchard design, planting, irrigation, etc.

Time	Title	Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Speaker
1:00 pm	Texas Commercial Fruit Production and Marketing Options	Monte Nesbitt
1:20 pm	Perennial Orchard Site Selection	Jim Kamas
1:45 pm	Orchard Irrigation Planning Basics	Larry Stein
2:10 pm	Orchard Site Preparation	Stephen Janak
2:30 pm	Break	
2:45 pm	Spacing & Planting Techniques	Monte Nesbitt
3:05 pm	Protected Culture Strategies	Jacy Lewis
3:30 pm	Establishment—Weed Control, Fertilizer, Irrigation	Larry Stein
3:55 pm	Break	
4:15 pm	Training & Pruning Fruit Trees	Jim Kamas
4:35 pm	Food Safety Considerations	Juan Anciso
5:00 pm	Questions & Answers	

Day 2: Tuesday, September 22nd- Main Conference Program \$35

Session 1: Texas' Fruit Future-Exploring new growing practices, new crops and new marketing opportunities (

Time	Title	Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Speaker
9:00 am	Low Maintenance-High Value Fruit Crops for Texas	Jim Kamas
9:30 am	Sustaining & Expanding Strawberry Production Across Texas	Russ Wallace
10:00 am	Golden Kiwifruit Challenges & Opportunities	Tim Hartmann
10:30 am	Muscadine Grapes, Anybody?	Justin Scheiner
11:00 am	Texas' Peach Dreams	Monte Nesbitt
11:30 am	Session Ends	

Session 2: A Virtual Field Trip to Fruit Tree Nurseries in Texas: Gain insight into how fruit trees are commercially propagated in Texas from two of our long-term conference sponsors.

Time	Location	Interviewers/Presenters
1:30 pm	Womack Nursery, De Leon, Texas	Jacy Lewis & Larry Stein
2:15 pm	Texas Pecan Nursery, Chandler, Texas	Monte & Carol Nesbitt

Session 3: Hard Questions—Good Answers—Live panel discussion with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Fruit Team; Opportunities for participants to present questions and get our best expert opinions.

Time: 3:30 to 5:00 pm; Participants—Monte Nesbitt, Jim Kamas, Larry Stein, Justin Scheiner, Tim Hartmann, Jacy Lewis, Stephen Janak

2-Day Combined Registration Price: \$70.00

Registration (by September 19th): <http://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/fruit>