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Berry Growers Field Meetings

On **Monday, June 9, 2008**, Cornell University fruit pathologist Dr. Kerik Cox, and NYS Integrated Pest Management fruit specialist Dr. Juliet Carroll will be at several Schoharie, Schenectady, and Albany County berry farms to instruct on disease and insect scouting and management, ongoing research, and new resources. All berry growers are invited to attend any or all of the farm stops. There are no registration fees, but pre-registration is requested by calling the Cornell Cooperative Extension Saratoga County Office at (518) 885-8995.

Details of the stops are below. 1.5 NYS DEC Pesticide Applicator recertification credits in categories 1a, 10 and 22 will be available for each stop.

10:00 am – Bohringers Fruit Farm, 3992 State Rt. 30, Middleburgh, NY 12122. Broad array of berries to look at here; the focus will be on strawberry and raspberry pest management. Weed control options at renovation and in the fall will be discussed.

12:00 pm – Scotch Ridge Berry Farm, 5092 Scotch Ridge Road, Duanesburg, NY 12056. We will be focusing on blueberry pest management at this stop. Learn about how to use insect traps as a way to predict problems with fruit fly and blueberry maggot. There will be a brief discussion of Ribes pest management as well.

3:00 pm - Feura Farm, 210 Onesquethaw Creek Rd., Feura Bush, NY 12067. We will touch on strawberry and raspberry weed and pest management. We will learn how to scout both these berries for pest problems.

5:00 pm - Indian Ladder Farm, 342 Altamont Rd., Altamont, NY 12009. Learn more about pests and diseases of blueberries and brambles. We will also be taking a look at the raspberries grown in a high tunnel. Indian Ladder has strawberries both in and out of a hoop house – some of which are being grown in raised planting trays where nutritional issues are of interest.

For directions or more information contact Laura McDermott, 518-746-2562 or Kevin Iungerman at 885-8995. This program is sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension Northeast Area Fruit Program, Cornell University, NY Farm Viability Institute and the NYS Berry Growers Association.