

MAGA Winter Education

Seminar Agenda

Jan 3, 2024 – Jan 4, 2024

Meeting Times		Meeting Topic
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Board Meeting, Hotel Conference Room
Wednesday	7:30 am	Registration Opens
	8:00 am	Exhibitors Open Networking Refreshments by Nutrien Ag
	8:45 am	Welcome Introductions
	9:00 am	MN Ag & How it Benefits Apple Growers, Keynote Speaker - Thom Peterson, Commissioner, MDA
	9:30 am	MDA MN Grown Update, Mallory Forseth
	10:00 am	Break Snacks by Nutrien Ag
	10:20 am	“More Trains Than Brains” - The Fall Harvest Orchard Agritourism Journey , Mike Sjomeling
	10:55 am	H2A, Ryan Femling, Afton Apple Orchard
	11:25 am	Getting paid Point of Sale, Aaron Brand, Brand Farms
	12:00 pm	Lunch, Catered Buffet by Nutrien Ag
	1:00 pm	New Cultivar Breeding Patenting, Chuck Nystrom, Ocheda Orchard
	1:10 pm	UMN Post Harvest Disorders, Cindy Tong
	1:40 pm	Vendor Presentations
	2:30 pm	Invasive Species Update, Jennifer Burington, MDA
	2:45 pm	Food Safety, Heidi Hagman, MDA
	3:00 pm	Break Snacks by Nutrien Ag
	3:20 pm	Grower Roundtable, Facilitated by Troy Heald, Country Blossom Farm, LLC
	4:20 pm	Annual MAGA Business Meeting
	5:00 pm	Cash Bar Networking
	6:30 pm	Banquet, Served Meal Don Thesing, President La Crescent Historical Society, Area History
Thursday	8:00 am	Exhibitors open Networking Refreshments by Nutrien Ag
	8:30 am	UMN Apple Breeding Program Update, Dr. Sarah Kostick
	9:00 am	UMN Apple Flavor Research, Emily Juhl
	9:20 am	UMN Red Star Rust Research, Tiffany Enzenbacher
	9:45 am	Introduction to New Website, Angie Litchy, Secretary MAGA
	10:00 am	Break Snacks by Nutrien Ag
	10:20 am	TBD
	11:00 am	Weed Control, Troy Heald, Country Blossom Farm, LLC
	11:20 am	TBD
	12:00 pm	Lunch, Catered buffet
	1:00 pm	Conference Closing Comments Afternoon Class Introduction
	1:15 pm	Beginner Grower Class, Madeline Whimmer, UMN Extension
	2:45 pm	Break Snacks by Nutrien Ag
	4:00 pm	Conference Concludes