

Pre-Harvest Tour

Friday, June 8, 2007

- 7:45 a.m. Tim Dahle Lower M&M Orchard, Cherry Heights Road**
From Portland or Hood River take I-84 to West The Dalles Exit 83.
Turn left on W. 6th St. and right on Cherry Heights Rd. Follow signs.
From the east take I-84 to the West The Dalles Exit 84. Go ½ mile and turn left on Webber Street and left on W. 6th Street. Turn right on Cherry Heights Road and follow signs.
Coffee and donuts provided by Wilbur-Ellis.
- 8:00 a.m.** Benton on Maxma 14 planted to a double row.
Orchard removal and preparation process including chipping old trees, mycorrhizal inoculation of new trees, ground cloth and mulch with chips from old trees.
Electronic valves and automated irrigation-United Pipe & Rainbird
Branch induction discussion with branding iron, notching, and Promalin – Tim Dahle, Leonard and Paul Aubert, Dave and Stacey Cooper.
- Stop 2 Bob Bailey Orchard View Farms, 4055 Skyline Rd.**
Packing Equipment including centrifugal stem separator and optical sizer and color sorter.
Observations on EurepGap and Natures Choice. Benefits and problems for local growers.
Jon Bailey –Grant J. Hunt Co.
Variety winners and losers
2007 market forecast
Thoughts on the European market
- Stop 3 Mike and Mel Omeg Cemetery Block, Three Mile Road**
Bin Picking comments from Omeg's and Dane Klindt.
OSU Variety Trial – observations on promising varieties
Dr. Matthew Whiting, WSU Prosser
Lynn Long, OSU The Dalles
Cherry doubling – Dr. Matthew Whiting
- Stop 4 Dave Cooper Orchard, 2270 Dry Hollow Road**
Lunch hosted by Jac le Roux, Irrinet, The Dalles and United Pipe & Supply, Yakima
OCDC, La Clinica, Oregon Dept. of Employment reports
Wasco County Fruit & Produce League Report
OSCC Report
2007 Crop Estimate