

Hops Workshops 2016

Hops Scouting and Integrated Pest Management Training

Woodstock OMAFRA Resource Centre - Large Boardroom

Woodstock, ON

Friday, April 8, 2016

1:00 - 3:30 pm

Melanie Filotas, Specialty Crops IPM Specialist, OMAFRA

Hops have a large complex of pests that can affect yield and quality. These require careful monitoring and management to keep pest populations below economically damaging levels, but identification and management can be a challenge. This 2 1/2 hour indoor workshop will provide hop growers, scouts and industry members with an overview of integrated pest management in hops. Topics covered include: scouting a hop yard, pest diagnostics 101, Hop Diseases (downy mildew, powdery mildew, viruses, cone blights, leafspots, fusarium canker, Verticillium wilt); Hop Insects (two-spotted spider mite, potato leafhopper, Japanese beetle, caterpillar pests, general defoliators); and Natural enemies in the hop yard. Focus will be on scouting and identification, however management techniques for major pests will also be discussed. A follow-up, in field workshop is planned for later in the season (see below).

Hops Informal Field Workshop

Pleasant Valley Hops

18683 Loyalist Parkway, Hillier, Prince Edward County, ON

Wednesday, June 22, 2016 (Rain date June 23)

4:00 pm—6:30 pm

Melanie Filotas, Specialty Crops IPM Specialist, OMAFRA

Evan Elford, New Crop Development Specialist, OMAFRA

Join OMAFRA specialists Melanie Filotas and Evan Elford for an in-field workshop on seasonal issues in hops. Topics covered will include an overview of scouting hops yards, hands-on identification of key pests present in the hops yard and a discussion of current production challenges of not for the 2016 season. This is an in-formal workshop with ample time for participants to ask questions on current agronomic and pest management challenges. **Deadline to register—Friday, June 17. See registration details below.**

Hops Sprayer Optimization Workshop

Heritage Hill Hop Yard and Nursery

1933 Line 2 N, Shanty Bay ON

Wednesday, July 20, 2016 (Rain date: July 21)

9:00 am - Noon

Jason Deveau, Application Technology Specialist, OMAFRA

Melanie Filotas, Specialty Crops IPM Specialist, OMAFRA

This in-field workshop is intended for sprayer operators or those planning on spraying hops. Jason Deveau and Melanie Filotas, OMAFRA will talk about the importance of proper spray coverage in hops and discuss what “good” spray coverage looks like in hops. Learn how to calibrate your sprayer and adjust settings to match the height of the plants. **Deadline to register—Friday, July 15 2016.**

To register for any of these sessions, contact the Agriculture Information Contact Centre at 1-877-424-1300. A minimum of 5 registrants for the April 8 IPM session and 10 registrants for the June 27 and July 20 field sessions are required for the sessions to run.