

Small Fruit Pest Issues Tour
July 20, 21, 22, 2010
Burlington, VT

This year's meeting was held in Vermont and as discussed in our 2009 meeting, our emphasis was touring organic berry farms since this is a rapidly expanding market and our second emphasis would be in grapes since we all field questions from growers regarding this fairly new crop.

A major impact of our meeting this year was participating in a NOFA-VT/UVM Veg and Berry twilight meeting for organic berry growers at Adam's Berry Farm in the Intervale hosting over 50 organic growers.

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Agenda for the meeting

July 20

1:00–5:00 pm UVM Jeffords Hall 234

We will share pest problems encountered over the course of the year, new and old insect and disease problems in small fruits, new pesticides, new IPM management tools and our educational programs. Please bring a flash drive for pictures and PowerPoints to share with the group.

July 21

8:00 am–9:00 pm—Farm Tours and twilight meeting (7–9pm) at the Adam's Berry Farm, Intervale

- **Jon Satz , Woods Market Garden**
Brandon, VT
Mixed vegetables and strawberries
- **Chris Granstrom, Lincoln Peak Winery**
New Haven, VT
Hardy northern grapes and wines
- **Adam Hausmann, Adam's Berry Farm Intervale**
Burlington, VT
Mixed certified organic berries with high tunnels

July 22

8:00 am–1:00 pm Discussion of future directions for the Small Fruit Working Group:

The group agreed the meeting was beneficial and would like to pursue another round of funding to do another meeting next summer in Massachusetts. The 2 half day and one full day format worked well. An earlier in the summer meeting was a priority and dates of July 13–15 or July 20–22 were tentatively chosen. It was agreed the focus will be on small fruit propagation with a tour of Nourse Farms new propagation facility. Ann Hazelrigg, UVM, will write the grant, ask for letters of support and share ideas/content with the group before submitting.