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"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit." Aristotle

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In this issue ... just a listing of upcoming programs.

Upcoming Programs

Check the Illinois SARE calendar for a full list of programs and links for registration.

<http://illinoissare.org/> and <http://illinoissare.org/calendar.php>

- **Training and testing for a Private Pesticide Applicator license** is offered at multiple locations in the next few months. A Private Applicator's License is required for the purchase and use of Restricted-Use pesticides. These training programs are very strongly oriented to field crop agriculture (corn, soybeans, wheat, and alfalfa) because most of the state's private applicators (farmers) grow these crops, but there is only one test for private applicators, regardless of the crops you grow. Use <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/psep/> to learn the dates and locations for programs for Private Applicators (not Commercial Applicators).
- **2013 Small Farm Webinar Series** ...
 - January 24, 2013-Water Sanitation for Small Farms
 - January 31, 2013-Wildlife Damage Control
 - February 7, 2013-Basics of Fruit Insect Management
 - February 14, 2013-Farm Financial Management
 - February 21, 2013-Seed Saving
 - February 28, 2013-Crop Rotations in High Tunnels
 - March 7, 2013-Farm to School Series
 - March 14, 2013-Beneficial Insects
 - March 21, 2013-Weed Control in Pastures
 - March 28, 2013-Crop Budgeting Resources
 - February 5, 2013-Growing Unique Vegetables (Note: 6-7pm)Register at <https://webs.extension.uiuc.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=7543>.
- **Southern Illinois Tree Fruit School, February 5, 2013.** Mt. Vernon Holiday Inn. Register in advance by January 30 for \$20 per person. On-site registration is \$30 per person. The registration fee for this school includes a copy of the 2013 Midwest Commercial Tree Fruit Spray Guide. Lunch will be on your own. For more information, contact Elizabeth Wahle at 618-344-4230 or wahle@illinois.edu. To register online, see <https://webs.extension.uiuc.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=7584>. Sign-in begins at 8 a.m. and the program runs from 8:25 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Program available at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/mms/downloads/46334.pdf>.
- **Southwestern Illinois Tree Fruit School, February 6, 2013.** Knights of Columbus Hall, Hardin. Register in advance by February 1 for \$20 per person. On-site registration is \$30 per person. The registration fee for this school includes lunch and a copy of the 2013 Midwest Commercial Tree Fruit Spray Guide. For more information, contact Elizabeth Wahle at 618-344-4230 or wahle@illinois.edu. To see a copy of the program

and to register in advance, see: <https://webs.extension.uiuc.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=6251>. Sign-in begins at 8 a.m. and the program runs from 8:25 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

- **Stateline (IL-WI) Fruit and Vegetable Conference, February 11, 2013.** Midway Village Museum, Rockford, IL. The registration fee is \$40 per person - a second registration from the same business, farm or organization is \$30. Late registrations are \$50 per participant after February 7, 2013. The fee includes a continental breakfast and lunch (featuring locally grown and produced ingredients), two general education sessions, as well as a choice of four breakout sessions. A copy of the program is available at: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw/downloads/46381.pdf>. To register online, see: <https://webs.extension.uiuc.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=7617>.
- **Illinois Small Fruit and Strawberry Schools and Southern Illinois Vegetable School, February 12-13, 2013.** Mt. Vernon Holiday Inn. Cost is \$30 per farm family preregistered (by February 5) or \$40 per farm family on-site. Lunch will be on your own. The small fruit and vegetable spray guides are included with registration. March 6th will feature presentations on brambles and blueberries and include information on fertility management for small fruit growers. The vegetable program also is on March 6. March 7th will focus on strawberries, including information on both matted row and plasticulture production. For more information please contact Jeff Kindhart at 618-695-2770 or jkindhar@illinois.edu or Elizabeth Wahle 618-344-4230 or wahle@illinois.edu. To see the program and to register in advance, see <https://webs.extension.uiuc.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=7622>.
- **MOSES 2013 Organic Farming Conference, Feb 21-23, 2013.** La Crosse, Wisconsin. See <http://www.gifttool.com/registrar/ShowEventDetails?ID=1674&EID=13222>
- **Growing Produce for Profit, February 21, 2013.** 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Elizabeth Community Building, Elizabeth, IL (Jo Daviess County). Registration cost is \$20 per person by February 18th, after the 18th, cost will rise to \$25 per person. Sessions include: growing fruits and vegetables in the upper Midwest; marketing; site, climate, and soils; vegetable insect management, growing raspberries and blackberries, and apple insect management, along with updates on regional efforts to support specialty crop production. To pre-register, see: <https://webs.extension.uiuc.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=7577>. The program is available at: <http://www.illinoissare.org/pubs/Growing%20Produce%20for%20Profit.pdf>.
- **Western Illinois Fruit and Vegetable School, February 22, 2013.** University of Illinois Extension Office, 330 S. 36th Street, Quincy, IL. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Registration fee is \$10 per person; lunch and publications will be provided. For more information, contact Mike Roegge at roeggem@illinois.edu or call 217-223-3880. To register online, see: <https://webs.extension.uiuc.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=7496>.
- **Kankakee-area Vegetable Growers School, February 26, 2013.** For information, contact James Theuri at 815-933-8337 or jtheu50@illinois.edu

Other webinars and events listed on the SARE calendar: <http://illinoissare.org/calendar.php>

- January 29, webinar, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. CST, Organic Methods for Control of Insect Pests and Diseases of Pecan and Peach.
- January 29, Kankakee, IL, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Meet the Buyers.
- February 5, webinar, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. CST, Growing Unusual Vegetables.
- February 12, webinar, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Direct Marketing Farmers - Marketing for Profit: Tools for Success.
- February 16, Arthur, IL, 9:00 a.m. – 11:45a.m., Growing Produce.
- February 18, webinar, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. CST, Fresh Market tomato Workshop.
- February 19, Oregon, IL, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Food Safety on the Farm (GAPs).
- February 20, Springfield, IL, noon – 5:00 p.m., Composting for a Sustainable Community.
- February 26, Normal, IL, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Meet the Buyers.
- March 6, Sycamore, IL, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Meet the Buyers.
- March 8, Carbondale, IL, Women Changing the Face of Agriculture
- March 12, Springfield, IL, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Food Safety on the Farm (GAPs).
- April 8, 15, 22, and 29, webinar series, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs).

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