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SUBJECT: Upcoming Events

The Gilmer County Cooperative Extension office is hosting two North Georgia Apple Production Meetings this winter. The first one is Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at the Gilmer County Library and will be from 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM. Dan Horton, Phil Brannen, and Wayne Mitchem will conduct the program and will discuss insect, disease, and weed control.

The second one is Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, also at the Gilmer County library from 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM. Steve McCartney, Mike Parker, and David Lockwood will conduct the program and will discuss a new thinning model, Retain studies, using Smart Fresh, and orchard nutrient management.

One hour of private pesticide recertification credit will be given for attending each meeting (1 hour per meeting) and two hours of commercial category 21 recertification credit will be given for attending each meeting (2 hours per meeting). There is no cost to attend and no pre-registration is needed.

Also coming up is the Ag School's 2020 Strategic Planning session for UGA's College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. The College is currently developing a 10 year plan and would like to get you involved. We want input from stakeholders such as your strengths and weaknesses, where you are now, where or what you want to be in the future, and more, to make a realistic plan to get you there. The one closest to us is in Gainesville at the Georgia Mountains Center on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. There is no cost to attend but pre-registration is required. The session is from 8:30 AM to 12:00 noon. There is information in the offices and there is a website that you can visit to learn more and to register. It is [http://georgiafaces.caes.uga.edu/index.cfm?public=viewStory&pk\\_id=4297](http://georgiafaces.caes.uga.edu/index.cfm?public=viewStory&pk_id=4297). You may also call Carla Wood at 706-583-0347 to register.

But first is the 2012 Georgia Ag Forecast seminar and luncheon discussion. The one closest to us is coming up soon also in Gainesville at the Georgia Mountains Center on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$30 and pre-registration is required. Check in starts at 9:00 AM and the seminar begins at 10:00 AM followed by a networking luncheon from 12:00 noon to 1:00 PM. I have brochures in the offices and there is a website that you can visit to learn more and to register. It is [www.georgiaagforecast.com](http://www.georgiaagforecast.com). You may also call Carla Wood at 706-583-0347 to register. The deadline to register is 5:00 PM on January 19, 2012.

If you need more information, please contact me at either office or [eayers@uga.edu](mailto:eayers@uga.edu). Looking forward to seeing you at these meetings.

Sincerely,

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