

**128th Annual Vermont Tree Fruit Growers Association Meeting**  
**in cooperation with the UVM Fruit Program**



February 14, 2024  
 American Legion Hall, Middlebury VT



8:45	Update from the University Dr. Terence Bradshaw, UVM Fruit Program <a href="mailto:tbradsha@uvm.edu">tbradsha@uvm.edu</a>
9:00	Horticulture 101: Thinning Chemicals Terence Bradshaw
9:30	Vendor spotlight
9:35	New Tools for the Precision Crop Load Management Tool Box Mike Basedow, Cornell Cooperative Extension Eastern New York Commercial Horticulture Program <a href="mailto:mrb254@cornell.edu">mrb254@cornell.edu</a>
10:05	Vendor spotlight
10:10	Update from the Vermont Agency of Agriculture Steve Dwinell, Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management Division Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets <a href="mailto:Steve.Dwinell@vermont.gov">Steve.Dwinell@vermont.gov</a>
10:40	Management Practices to Protect Pollinators and Your Crop Laura Johnson, UVM Extension Pollinator Support Specialist <a href="mailto:Laura.O.Johnson@uvm.edu">Laura.O.Johnson@uvm.edu</a>
11:10	Risk Management: Considerations after the 2023 Season Alex Sereno, Regional Director USDA Risk Management Agency
11:40	Business meeting
11:55	Lunch
12:55	Biopesticides 101 Amara Dunn-Silver, Biocontrol Specialist New York State IPM Program <a href="mailto:arc55@cornell.edu">arc55@cornell.edu</a>
1:35	Vendor spotlight
1:40	Fitting Biopesticides into Your Orchard IPM Program Terence Bradshaw
2:10	Vendor spotlight
2:15	Non-Chemical Orchard Groundcover Management Terence Bradshaw
2:45	Perennial Orchard Weed Management Trials in New York Mike Basedow
3:15	Evaluation and adjourn

**Annual Business Meeting Agenda**  
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		<u>Exp.</u>
1. Call to Order	President: Jessika Yates	2024
2. Secretary's Report	Treasurer: Mark Boyer	2024
3. Treasurer's Report	Secretary: Stephanie Lowe	2024
4. Executive Director's Report	Director: Tom Smith	2024
5. Old Business	Director: Casey Darrow	2024
6. New Business	Director: Moriah Cowles	2025
7. Election of Officers and Directors	Director: Conor McManus	2025
8. Adjourn	Director: Ben Calvi	2026
	Director: James Bove	2026

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*Take time to visit the Exhibitors for up-to-date information on pest management tools and other products for your orchard.*

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**This program has been submitted to Vermont Agency of Agriculture for  
 FOUR (4) pesticide recertification credits.**



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# 128<sup>th</sup> Annual VTFGA Meeting & Educational Program



THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT  
**FRUIT PROGRAM**

Thursday, February 14, 2024  
American Legion Hall, 49 Wilson Rd., Middlebury, VT

PLEASE USE THIS FORM ONLY FOR MAIL-IN REGISTRATION.

Online registration: <https://go.uvm.edu/24uvmvtfgamtg>



Name:	
Orchard/Company:	
Mailing Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone:	
Email:	

## Meeting & Registration Fees for 2024

	Item	Cost Calculations	Total
1.	<b>2024 VTFGA Membership</b>	\$75	_____
2.	<b>Annual Meeting Registration</b>  Late registration (received after Feb. 4 or at door)	Per person, includes lunch  \$50.00 x _____	
3.	<b>UVM Research Support</b>	\$50 suggested donation	
4.	<b>U.S. Apple Association Dues</b>		_____
5.	<b>Total Enclosed</b>		_____

Make check payable to: **Vermont Tree Fruit Growers Association (VTFGA)** & mail to:  
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