

130th Annual Vermont Tree Fruit Growers Association Meeting

in cooperation with the UVM Fruit Program

February 20, 2026

American Legion Hall, Middlebury VT



8:45	Update from the University Dr. Terence Bradshaw, UVM Fruit Program
9:00	News from the Pollinator Support Program Laura Johnson, UVM Extension
9:20	Vendor spotlight
9:25	Update from the Vermont Agency of Agriculture Steve Dwinell, Director, Division of Plant Industry Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets
9:55	Vendor spotlight
10:00	Modern Best Practices for Disease Management in Apples Elizabeth Garofalo, UMASS Extension
10:45	Vendor spotlight
10:50	Getting the Most out of NEWA Dr. Terence Bradshaw, UVM Fruit Program
11:35	Business meeting
11:50	Lunch Discussion topic: Apple Thinning Programs- What Works for You?
1:00	Thinning the Multi-Cultivar Orchard Dr. Terence Bradshaw, UVM Fruit Program and James Wargo, Valent U.S.A. LLC
1:45	Vendor spotlight
1:50	Managing you IPM Information with Farmable Dr. Terence Bradshaw, UVM Fruit Program and Casey Darrow, Green Mountain Orchards
2:05	Vendor spotlight
2:10	Business Planning Considerations Elisa Clancy, UVM Extension Farm Viability Program
2:35	Vendor spotlight
2:40	Telling Your Farm's Story through Interactive Marketing Andy Chamberlin UVM Extension Agriculture Engineering Program and Producer, The Farmer's Share Podcast
3:15	Evaluation and adjourn

Register online at: <https://go.uvm.edu/26uvmvtfgamtg>

Annual Business Meeting Agenda
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1. Call to Order	President: Jessika Yates 2026
2. Secretary's Report	Treasurer: Mark Boyer 2026
3. Treasurer's Report	Secretary: Stephanie Lowe 2026
4. Executive Director's Report	Director: <i>Open</i> 2026
5. Old Business	Director: James Bove 2026
6. New Business	Director: Tom Smith 2027
7. Election of Officers and Directors	Director: Casey Darrow 2027
8. Adjourn	Director: Moriah Cowles 2028 Director: Erin Robinson 2028

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

For information on this program contact: Terence.Bradshaw@uvm.edu

This program has been submitted to Vermont Agency of Agriculture for three (3) pesticide recertification credits.



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THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT
FRUIT PROGRAM

Friday, February 20, 2026
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Online registration is very much preferred.

Online registration: <https://go.uvm.edu/26uvmvtfgamtg>

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

Meeting & Registration Fees for 2026

	Item	Cost Calculations	Total
1.	2026 VTFGA Membership	\$75	_____
2.	Annual Meeting Registration Late registration (received after Feb. 4 or at door)	Per person, includes lunch \$50.00 x _____	
3.	UVM Research Support	\$50 suggested donation	
4.	U.S. Apple Association Dues		_____
5.	Total Enclosed		_____

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