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Field Tour to Maine



The PEI Wild Blueberry Growers' Association is planning a tour to Maine. The purpose of the tour is to learn about pollination services in one of the largest wild blueberry growing regions. This tour will give PEI growers the opportunity to view the potential of Maine's crop while in full bloom and to learn how honey bees are managed by growers to produce the highest possible yield in the United States.

At this point, we are attempting to see who is interested in attending this short tour to Maine. The tentative dates are May 27 and 28, 2011. The tour bus will be leaving early in the morning of May 27 (Friday) and returning later in the evening on May 28 (Saturday). Further detail will be given only to those who express potential interest in participating in this tour.

If you are interested in attending, please contact the Agriculture Information Desk at 1-866-PEIFARM (734-3276) or call direct at 368-4145. Expressions of interest may also be emailed to cjwood@gov.pe.ca

Deadline to express interest is Tuesday, May 3, 2011.

Please note that you must have a valid Passport to enter the United States.

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Phone 1-866-PEI-BLUE (1-866-734-2583) or
www.gov.pe.ca/go/bbpestline

Starts Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Fire Suppression Course Offering—Details on reverse side

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Attention Blueberry Growers

One Day Fire Suppression Course - April 30, 2011

Having training in fire planning and suppression is one of the ways growers can manage risk in their blueberry operations.

Basic Forest Fire Suppression Course Description

This is a one day introductory course on suppressing wildfires i.e. fires in burnable vegetation such as forests, marshes, grasslands, blueberry production areas, etc. The course is being taught by staff of the P.E.I. Department of Environment, Energy and Forestry. All instructors are both trained and have experience in forest fire suppression.

This course provides basic information on the various factors that influence the speed with which fires spread and the ways to use ground fire fighting techniques to extinguish fire. The topics include: fuel types, forest fire weather behaviour, fire permits, effectiveness and use of hand tools, pumps and hoses as well as how to use them, fire planning and crew organization, bulldozers and excavators in fire suppression, danger factors, and other aspects. Participants will be expected to participate in one to three mock fires where they utilize the information from the course content to work in a team. Each team will develop a plan to combat an escape fire and then describe their rationale for equipment and personnel use and then these will be reviewed by the instructors.

Locations: Two locations:

- (1) Red's Corner Restaurant Meeting Room at Pooles Corner **OR**
- (2) O'Leary Fire Hall

Time: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, April 30, 2011

Dress: Dress comfortably. There will be some hands-on use of equipment.

Registration: There is limited seating available so you must pre-register.

The deadline to pre-register is 4:00 pm on Tuesday, April 26. To pre-register, please call the Agriculture Information Desk at **1-866-PEIFARM (734-3276)** or direct **368-4145** or by E-mail to cjwood@gov.pe.ca

When registering, please indicate which location you would like to attend (i.e. Pooles Corner or O'Leary Fire Hall) and provide a phone number at which you can be located should the course have to be cancelled or rescheduling in the event of an actual fire or some other unplanned event.

Cost: **There is no fee this year.** However, should you have to cancel your registration, please let us know as soon as possible so that someone else can have a seat on the course. Please bring note paper and a pen or pencil.

Lunch: Light refreshments provided in the morning and afternoon breaks. **Lunch is not provided** so, either bring your own lunch or purchase a lunch nearby that allows you to get back in time for the afternoon part of the training.