PEAR ORCHARD SYSTEMS FIELD MEETING

WHEN: Tuesday, October 22, 2013 – 10:00 a.m. to Noon

WHERE: Shadowbrook Farms, 13850 Old River Road, Hopland
Map link: http://mapq.st/19iUpFP

WHO: Rachel Elkins, Pomology Farm Advisor, U.C. Cooperative Extension
Kurt Ashurst, host grower
Bruce Lampinen, Extension Orchard Management Specialist and Ted DeJong, Professor/CE Pomologist, UC Davis
Todd Einhorn, Assistant Professor, Oregon State University Mid-Columbia Agricultural Research and Extension Center (MCAREC), Hood River
Stefano Musacchi, Associate Professor, Washington State University - Tree Fruit Research and Extension Center (TFREC), Wenatchee

AGENDA

• Welcome and overview of California collaborative pear systems trials

• 2013 NC-140 ‘Bartlett’ Pear Systems Trial
  Planted May 1-2, 2013; trees from Willow Drive Nursery, Ephrata, WA
  Training systems: “V”, tall spindle, bi-axis, 2-leader, completely unpruned (unreplicated)
  In-row spacing: 3’, 4.5’, 6’. Between row spacing: 12’
  Rootstocks: OHxF 69, OHxF 87, Pyro 2-33

• Fire blight Resistant Pear Selections
  2013 selections from Dr. Richard Bell, USDA-ARS, Kearneysville, WVA
  Planted May 16, 2013 and headed to 30”; all on OHxF 87
  Other locations: Sacramento Delta (Chuck Ingels), Hood River (Todd Einhorn);
  Wenatchee (Kate Evans); Michigan (2 sites) (Bill Shane); West Virginia (R. Bell)

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