

2025 Mass Aggie Seminars

UMass, Amherst officially opened its doors in 1863 as Massachusetts Agricultural College- affectionately deemed “Mass Aggie”. UMass Extension Fruit Team honors the tradition of bringing agricultural knowledge to the commonwealth through this series of seminars- the Mass Aggies, detailing the best ways to raise fruit in Massachusetts.

REGISTER ONLINE

Insects; Pests and Beneficials

February 15, via Zoom- \$45

Join Extension Faculty Dr. Jaime Pifero in this exciting Integrated Pest Management (IPM) workshop and learn how to make beneficial insects and insectary plants your garden’s best allies! With these techniques, you can keep your plants thriving with little to no insecticides. Some materials will be mailed to participants for them to implement IPM at home!



Orchard Sustainability Through IPM

March 1, via Zoom- \$45

Join Extension Educator Elizabeth Garofalo to discuss what sustainability means within the context of orchard production. We will look to find the balance of orchard sustainability in the space where community, environment and economic health come together.

Orchard Pruning

March 22, via Zoom- \$45

The joy of growing apples in the home garden is enjoying a renaissance. One of the key steps in successful apple growing is the act of pruning the trees. This can seem daunting and complicated, but it’s not! Not once you understand the principles involved. Join Extension Educator Jon Clements online and learn how to properly prune your fruit trees. **The focus of this session is primarily apples. The concepts discussed apply to pears, peaches and other tree fruit.**



Ecological Weed Management in the Home Orchard

February 22, via Zoom- \$45

During this workshop, led by Dr. Maria Gannett, we will consider what weeds are and why you would want to manage them. We will talk about identification and ecological weed management and highlight different strengths and weaknesses of several weed control methods.



Orchard Establishment

March 29, via Zoom- \$45

Extension Educator Jon Clements covers horticultural topics including; basics of planting apple trees, including site selection, choice of variety and rootstock, planting best practices, tree training and pruning, fertilization, and ongoing fruit tree care **This session focuses primarily on apples but most concepts can be applied to other tree fruit.**

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Date	Title	#	Cost	Total
February 15	Insects; Pests and Benneficials- Live Zoom Seminar		\$45	
February 22	Ecological Home Orchard Weed Mgmt.- Live Zoom Seminar		\$45	
March 1	Orchard Sustainability Through IPM- Live Zoom Seminar		\$45	
March 22	Orchard Pruning- Live Zoom Seminar		\$45	
March 29	Home Orchard Establishment- Live Zoom Seminar		\$45	
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Registration Form

Name

Address

Town, City, Zip Code

Phone

Email*

***Please be sure to include your email address. Confirmations, access links and instructions will be sent via email.**

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