



Transitioning Orchards to Organic Pest Management

Saturday, Jan. 26th 11:30am

About the Session:

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure when it comes to good organic orchard management. It starts with site selection and buying good fruit stock. This session will focus on techniques and treatments to keep plants healthy to prevent diseases, insect and sun damage. Floor management will be discussed for apples and peaches. Conventional, Organic and Integrated Pest management will be discussed as well as current research on various treatments.

About the Speaker:

Susan Carter began working for CSU Extension Tri River Area in February 2014 as the Horticulture Program Coordinator. After about a year and a half, she became the Horticulture Agent. Susan has her BS in Ornamental Horticulture and her Masters in Landscape Architecture. Last year, she became a Certified Arborist. She is also a CO Professional Gardener and CSU Ext. Native Plant Master Leader.

She first worked in the greenhouse in eighth grade and knew she wanted to work with plants since then. Susan has had many plant related jobs from nursery production including the production of potted fruit trees for retail sales, nursery management, maintenance, design and landscape installation. Susan had orchard classes as part of her undergrad education and her family has always had some fruit trees. Her husband has a degree in Horticulture and they used to maintain the orchards for Temple University in Pennsylvania. Together they maintain the trees at their home. Most of their landscape consists of edible plants.

Susan has lived in Colorado since 1993. She loves being outdoors in Colorado. As the CSU Extension Tri River Area (Mesa, Delta, Montrose and Ouray Counties) Horticulture Agent, she can do site visits to orchards, greenhouses, nurseries and other green industry businesses to help with plant health and issues.

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