

20 26 VIRTUAL ORCHARD MEETUP SERIES

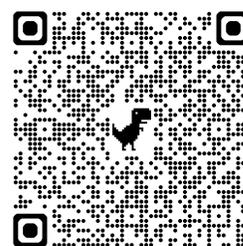
These meetups will provide an opportunity to discuss challenges related to heat stress in summer and fall, identify opportunities to improve fruit quality, and remain profitable. They are led by a panel of scientists and tree fruit growers from across the United States and Canada. Join the conversation!

The 2026 Series is sponsored by SPARC: Strengthening Pear and Apple Resilience to Climate
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FEBRUARY 27, 10:30 AM (PST) / 1:30 PM (EST)

The Impacts of Weather on Pome Fruit Quality and Storability: Lessons from 2025

https://wsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/Xu7nO7sxSzuflOu_oED51A



Overview of the SPARC project

Dr. Lee Kalcsits, Dept. of Horticulture,
Washington State University

Dr. Sonia Hall, Center for Sustaining
Agriculture and Natural Resources,
Washington State University

Panelists

Garrett Henry, Douglas Fruit, WA
David Machial, Fairview Orchards, BC
Kirk Kemp, Algoma Orchards, Ontario
Scott Henning, Lake Ontario Fruit, NY
Leighton Rice, Rice Fruit Company, PA
Chad Wimmers, Mount Adams Orchards, OR
Jamie Kober, Riveridge Produce, MI

The rest of the 2026 Virtual Orchard Meetup Series will be this June:

- Thursday June 11, 2026
- Thursday June 18, 2026
- Thursday June 25, 2026

All June Orchard Meetups will be at
4-5:30 pm PT/7-8:30 pm ET

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