

**** TENTATIVE ****

CHERRY INSTITUTE AGENDA

JANUARY 12, 2018

YAKIMA CONVENTION CENTER

- 8:00 Registration**
- 8:30 Introduction & Welcoming Address**
Luke Anderson, President, Cherry Institute
Cherry Institute Co-Moderators:
Bernardita Sallato-Camona, WSU IAREC, Prosser, WA
Michael Bush, WSU Extension, Yakima County, Union Gap, WA
- 8:45 The 2017 Season by the Numbers & Acreage Update** – B.J. Thurlby, NWCG, Yakima, WA
- 9:05 Elections** – Facilitated by B.J. Thurlby, NWCG, Yakima, WA
- 9:20 Seeking Grower Input on PNW Cherry Research Priorities** – Mike Willett, WA Tree Fruit Research Commission, Yakima, WA
- 9:30 Building Better Cherries ... a 15-month Process** – Matt Whiting, WSU IAREC, Prosser, WA
- 10:00 How to Use the New Cherry Color Chart** – Robert Blakey, WSU IAREC, Prosser, WA
- 10:15 Break ... Scope Out the Trade Show!**
- 10:30 With A Passion for New Sweet Cherry Varieties** – Lynn Long, OSU Extension, The Dalles, OR
- 11:00 Rootstocks and Training Systems for those New Varieties** – Lynn Long, OSU Extension, The Dalles, OR
- 11:30 Post-harvest Strategies for Mitigating Splitting in Cherries** – Girish Ganjyal, WSU Campus, Pullman, WA
- 11:50 Luncheon Program** – Special Guest Speaker: Peter Zeihan
- 1:30 Break ... Visit the Vendors at our Trade Show!**
- 1:45 Improving Bee Activity in Cherry Orchards** – Timothy Lawrence, WSU Extension, Island County, Coupeville, WA
- 2:15 The 2017 Cherry Market** – James Michael & Keith Hu, NWCG, Yakima, WA
- 2:45 The Emerging Story of Viruses and Cherries** – Scott Harper, WSU IAREC, Prosser, WA, and Hannah Walters, Stemilt Growers, Wenatchee, WA
- 3:35 Evaluation of Products for Spotted Wing Drosophila Management** – Betsy Beers & Molly Darr, WSU TFREC, Wenatchee, WA
- 4:00 Managing Powdery Mildew in 2018** – Gary Grove, WSU IAREC, Prosser, WA
- 4:20 Thank you for coming ...**
The first 100 evaluation forms turned in at the end of day will receive a door prize.