

Midwest Apple Improvement Association
Making Good Apples Great!

2010 Annual Meeting
Date: Monday January 4, 2010

Meeting Location:

Kentucky Fruit/Vegetable Conference
1801 Newtown Pike
Lexington, KY 40511

Conference Motel:

Embassy Suites Hotel
1801 Newtown Pike
Lexington, KY 40511
Ph. 858-455-5000
Or 1-800-EMBASSY

Directions to motel: Take Exit 115 off I-64/75 and go west on Newtown Pike. The Embassy is the right just after you exit the interstate.

We have a rate of \$109.00 per night that includes an Evening Managers reception with drinks and a full cooked-to-order breakfast daily. When making reservations **mention that it is for the Kentucky Fruit and Vegetable Conference.**

Registration: \$30.00 per person payable to Kentucky Fruit & Vegetable Conference and mail by December 20, 2009 to:

Mary Ann Kelley
UK Research Center
PO Box 469
Princeton, KY 42445

Sunday January 3, 2010

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm – MAIA Directors Meeting (Motel Lobby)
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm – Roundtable Growers Discussion

Monday January 4, 2010

8:30 am – 12 noon – **Kentucky Horticulture Program**
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm – **Joint UK Fruit/MAIA session**

MAIA Speakers include:

1. **MAIA Update and Future** – Mitch Lynd of Lynd Fruit Farm
 2. **Managing Dwarf Apples by Benign Neglect** – Dick Wander, Lynd Fruit Farm
 3. **Evaluation Protocol of New Apples of IFO** – Emmanuel de Lapparent, General Manager - IFO Fruit International of France
 4. **MAIA Apple Evaluations** – Diane Miller of Ohio State University
- (Note: There will be an opportunity to sample many advanced selections of MAIA apples.)

Lastly you will receive a copy of the entire Kentucky Fruit/Vegetable Conference program in early December and there will be many other beneficial lectures and workshops. Or go to <http://www.kyvga.org/meetings.html> which will be updated with the entire program by mid December.

We look forward to seeing you in early January!!

MAIA Tree Distribution

This coming spring there will be trees of eight (8) MAIA apples available to be planted for testing/evaluation. They are propagated to Bud. 9 which of course requires staking and an in-row spacing of approx. eight feet.

These trees are available to all MAIA members. If you wish to receive 2 trees of each selection, please notify Mitch Lynd, ph. 740-967-5355 prior to February 1, 2010.

Additionally there will be trees of several more selections available in spring of 2011. Please also advise Mitch if you'd like to receive additional test trees in the spring of 2011.

These selections were chosen from seedling rows which doesn't allow for maximum quality to develop (due to close planting and lack of sufficient sunlight). The initial primary characteristics we need to define from the test period are as follows.

1. Optimum picking time both for storage and for peak maturity (which is almost always different).
2. Quality in both flavor and texture at harvest and after storage.
3. Length of storage ability in common refrigeration.