Syllabus
Horticulture 450D: Horticulture Food Crops - Fruit Tree Production
Fall Semester 2013

Class details:
- Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 2 p.m.-2:50 p.m.
- Shepardson Room 102
- Dates: August 27 to October 17, 2013
- 1 credit

Instructor:
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Office Hours:
Please email me or call me to arrange a time to meet; we will schedule a place on campus.

Course Description:
This class will cover the basics of tree fruit production, including specific crops, insect, disease, production and management issues related to tree fruit. There will be an emphasis on tree fruit grown in Colorado.

Course Objectives:
The student will:
1. Become knowledgeable about the challenges and strategies for successfully growing tree fruit in Colorado.
2. Learn sources of current and reliable fruit production information.
3. Observe first-hand (via field trip) tree fruit and small fruit production practices in northern Colorado.

Grading System:
1. Class participation and quiz from each lecture (12 quizzes; each worth 10 points). Each lecture will have a corresponding quiz posted on RamCT shortly after the lecture on Tuesday or Thursday; the quiz must be completed before 12 p.m. on the following day’s lecture.
   a. If it is a Tuesday quiz, it will be due by 12 p.m. the following Thursday
   b. If it is a Thursday quiz, it will be due by 12 p.m. the following Tuesday
   c. The time parameters for the quizzes will be set in RamCT.
   d. Quizzes should take no more than 15 minutes.
   e. Grades from quizzes will be automatically posted to RamCT.
2. Field trip participation and report (30 points) (scheduled for Friday, September 20)
3. In-class mid-term exam (scheduled for Tuesday, September 24) (100 points)
4. Three Minute Topic presentation (100 points)—see additional handout.
   a. Scheduled October 10, 15 and 17

Grading Points:
1. Quizzes ...........................................................................................................120 points
2. Field Trip participation and report ..............................................................100 points
3. Mid-term exam ..............................................................................................100 points
4. Three Minute Topic presentation .................................................................100 points

Total: 350 points

Grading Scale*:
A = 315-350
B = 280-314
C = 245-279
D = 210-244
F = < 210

*The “+/-” system will not be used; grades will be A, B, C, D or F.

Details on Mid-term Exam:
The mid-term exam is scheduled for Tuesday, September 24. It will be completed in class and consist of a mixture of multiple choice, true/false, short answer and essay-type questions. Questions will be based on lecture materials and readings/supplements.

Details on Field Trip (Friday, September 20, 2013):
An all-day field trip will be combined with the students in Hort 450C: Small Fruits. This field trip will visit local farms and businesses in northern Colorado who specialize in fruit production. Travel will be via bus. Additional details will be provided in class. Plan to leave the CSU campus at 6:45 a.m. on September 20.

Optional Text:

Other Readings:
Links to Extension Fact Sheets or other publications will be posted on RamCT.

Colorado State University Honor Code:
It is our expectation that you will honor the following statement throughout this course: I pledge on my honor that I have not received or given any unauthorized assistance on this academic work.