

Enhancing Fruit Quality with PreHarvest Sprays of Calcium, Potassium & Kelp Extracts

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Plants get their primary nutritional needs from well-balanced, healthy soils. In a perfect situation, plant would get 100% of what they need in the right amount at the right time. However, most soils are not ideal and “survival” is well short of the goal in a production orchard or commercial veggie operation. In this presentation Dr. Calhoun will discuss preharvest foliar nutrition with an eye toward improving fruit quality (color, firmness, brix, storage).



Dr. Calhoun is a native of Michigan and a graduate of Michigan State University, receiving degrees in horticulture and crop and soil sciences. He worked in university extension and teaching for nearly two decades and as an educator/technical advisor for a turf and ornamental distribution company. His responsibilities with Nutrien Ag Solutions focused on the specialty crop markets of Michigan helping growers develop sustainable, profitable production plans in apples, cherries, blueberries, hops and vegetables. Recently he took a role with Loveland Products as the East Region Manager and coordinates a team of agronomists working with Nutrien Ag Solutions stores across the Eastern US.