**February 2013 President’s Update**

The Mid-Atlantic Fruit and Vegetable Convention has given a jump start to

the 2013 season. The challenge now becomes taking the knowledge learned

during the convention and similar conferences and applying it. Admittedly, I

still have a set of notes from two years ago that I need to recopy (and apply!).

Public confession is good for the soul and I am pretty sure they won’t be there

by next month! My primary problem in waiting more than a day to decipher

my notes is my shorthand is a little too short and the blanks a little too long.

On a brighter note, I have discovered the world of podcasts as I prune trees.

My set up is an iphone and a Bluetooth headset. There is a world of knowledge

out there although my search for ‘tree fruit’ turned up more sermons than

lectures on pruning. Hmm…maybe God is trying to tell me something! I

have always thought there were 100 sermons ready to be written from the

orchard perspective.

I attended the Research Committee Proposal Review meeting this month. It is

exciting to see the projects that were outlined. Please consider a contribution

to the research fund as you budget for 2013.

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