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The NSFGA production committee will be holding a day long pruning workshop on Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The workshop will be concentrating on orchards that were planted in the 1990's and now have reached the mature bearing stage. What pruning means are required to keep these orchards productive and produce quality fruit will be discussed. The day long workshop, as in previous years, will be broken into four stops and growers can pick and choose which stops they want to take in. Weather can be unpredictable at this time of year so the backup day will be Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Stop 1 - 8:30 am - Noggins Corner Farm, Greenwich. Meet at the top of Greenwich Rd in the Gala –Honeycrisp block next to the 101. Discussion will be held on the Honeycrisp, Gala and Red Delicious. This is becoming an annual stop for the pruning workshop which allows growers to compare the growth and fruit spur development from year to year.

Stop 2 - 10:15 am –Sarsfield's Farm, Medford. Meet at the block on Medford road. This is a block of mixed cultivar; Cortland, McIntosh, Jonagold etc. If you are not sure of the orchard location meet at the bin storage located at the corner of the Medford and North Medford Rd.

Stop 3 - 1:15 pm - Lloyd Dyck's, Waterville. Meet on the Bent Rd just north of the driveway into Lloyd's farm. This stop will be looking at Spy and other cultivars.

Stop 4 - 3:15 pm - Spurr Brothers Farm, Melvern Square. Meet by the white pump house on the Spa Spring Rd. This block is a mixture of cultivars on dwarfing rootstock and we will be looking at the spy block set out under the Spy Planting Program as well as other cultivars time permitting.

All stops are near paved roads because there is no telling how much snow will be on the ground at the time of the workshop. There might be slight changes to the stops on the farm depending upon mobility conditions but we will start at the point indicated for each farm. Plans are in the works for 2 half day pruning workshops in late March to early April with one on pruning young fruit trees and the other on pruning stone fruit cultivars.

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