

Welcome to the 2023 Hort Happenings Revamp!

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Welcome to the newly revised Hort Happenings website! Wondering where we've been and what we've been doing?

In May 2022, the Horticultural Crops Research Unit (HCRU) split into two separate factions:

- Horticultural Crops Disease and Pest Management Research Unit
- Horticultural Crops Production and Genetic Improvement Research Unit

The Horticultural Crops Research Units have seen unprecedented growth, with the addition of new scientist positions, support scientist positions, another remote work site (Mount Vernon, WA) and increased funding for the Northwest Center for Small Fruits Research. Due to this, the size of the unit was no longer manageable by a single Research Leader and Support Staff.

Dr. Inga Zasada remains a Research Leader for the newly formed Disease and Pest Management Research Unit. The Production and Genetic Improvement Research Unit is currently in the process of appointing a new Research Leader, and various scientists in the unit have graciously served as interim Acting Research Leaders.

In January 2023, the Disease and Pest Management Research Unit hired a new Program Support Assistant, Millie Foote. Millie joined the USDA from the National Park Service, where she worked at Grand Canyon National Park.

With the addition of new staff after the split, we are excited to refresh our website and add new information on a regular basis to keep shareholders and the public informed of our happenings.



Disease and Pest Management Research Unit's new Program Support Assistant, Millie Foote, at her previous position with the National Park Service.

