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Many of you have inquired about my wife, Terry. I want to thank you for your prayers and inquiries regarding her health. The Car-T treatment at first looked like it was successful but the cancer returned after several months and the Dr. began another chemotherapy treatment. So far she has had no side effects. This treatment, however, is not a cure but will just keep the cancer in check. Thank you again for your concern.

The weather is finally breaking and I have collected all of the scion wood that I can locate at the farm. Last year's growth at the farm was at best 3 to 4 inches long! In a good year, the growth would be between 10 and 12 inches in length. This year, to cut a decent length of scion wood, I had to take some second year wood. I spent 3 days at the farm and was able to cut about 3, gallon bags of scion wood. As like me, my pawpaw trees are getting old and tired! I hope that we do not have a late frost/freeze event like we had last year.

I have included the flyer from OSU regarding the 2021 Ohio Pawpaw Virtual Conference, scheduled for April 17. We still have space for a few additional participants, so be sure to register as soon as possible.

I received a few phone calls after the last E-News regarding the accessibility of the OSU web site. Here is the URL to register for the virtual Ohio Pawpaw Conference:

go.osu.edu/ohiopawpaw2021

I didn't goof up but just forgot that PDF files will not support a "hot" hyperlink. You need to copy and paste the URL into your web browser.

I get excited when I see my Winter Aconite in bloom back of my house. This year, March 2nd, it was exactly one month later than last year! I am not sure what that means but I had to wait an extra month to see the little yellow flowers peeking through the snow.





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**2021 Ohio Pawpaw Virtual
Conference**

Interested in learning more about pawpaw production in Ohio? Join OSU South Centers and the North American Pawpaw Growers Association for the 2021 Ohio Pawpaw Conference on April 17, 2021! Gain invaluable growing and production industry intelligence needed to make informed business and production decisions. This conference will provide access to pawpaw experts and industry leaders who can deliver the most current science-based knowledge on pawpaw industry trends.

This virtual conference is free but registration is required. This conference is sponsored and hosted by OSU South Centers and the North American Pawpaw Growers Association. Please visit go.osu.edu/ohiopawpaw2021 for conference details, agenda, speakers, and registration information.

Date: Saturday, April 17, 2021

Time: 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM EST

Fee: FREE!

Registration and Details:
go.osu.edu/ohiopawpaw2021

Registration is required. Deadline to register is April 16, 2021 at 5:00 PM EST.

Please contact Anna Adams at adams.2061@osu.edu with any questions.



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2021 Ohio Pawpaw Virtual Conference Agenda ***April 17, 2021***

8:00-8:15 AM	Welcome Brad Bergefurd, Ohio State University Ron Powell, North American Pawpaw Growers Association
8:20-9:00	Dr. Rob Brannan, Ohio Univeristy
9:00-9:40	Neal Peterson, West Virginia Pawpaw Grower
9:40-10:20	Dr. Kirk Pomper, Kentucky State University
10:20-11:00	Dr. Zhen Cai, University of Missouri
11:00-11:40	Dr. Matt Davies, Ohio State University
11:40-12:20	Dr. Guil Signorini, Ohio State University
12:20-1:00	Blake Cothron, Author of <i>The Complete Marketing and Growing Guide</i>
1:00-1:15	Adjourn



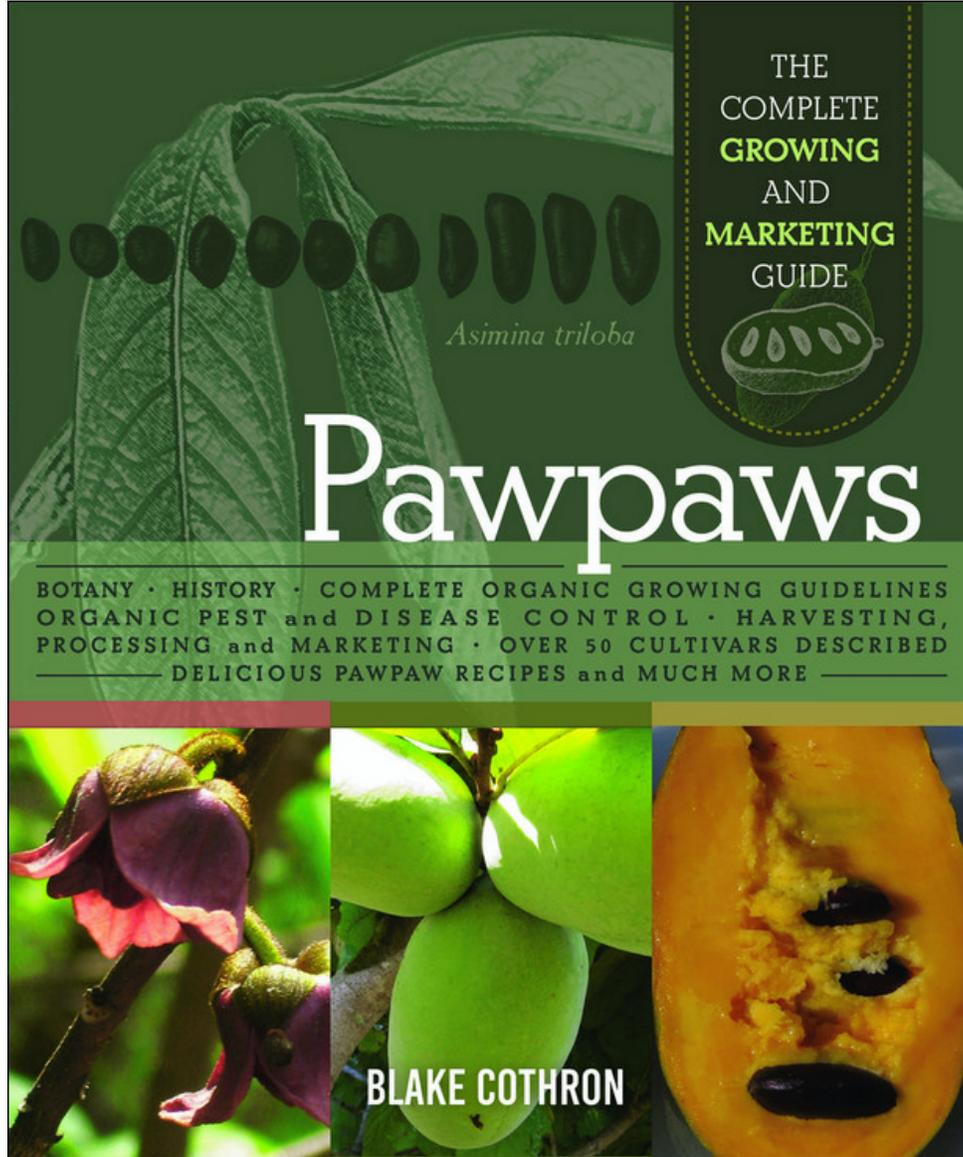
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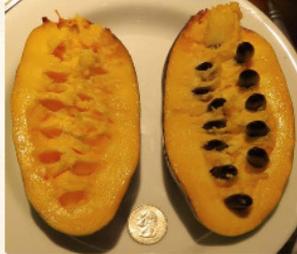
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Three superior pawpaws. Top: 'Prima 1216'. Middle: 'Taytwo'. Bottom: KSU selection, unreleased. Note freestone seeds.

Three more superior pawpaws. Top: Jerry Lehman selection '275-27'. Middle: 'KSU 7-1' is a superior pawpaw with great flavor and texture. Bottom: 'Susquehanna' fruit, the favorite release of Neal Peterson, showing its huge size and superior appearance. Flavor and texture are outstanding.



Sample pages from Blake's new pawpaw book



Zebra swallowtail butterfly (ZSB) larvae at several stages. These could all be present at the same time as well as unhatched eggs. The top largest larva is near maturity. The larva grows rapidly and should be monitored in a nursery setting or brand-new planting.



Pawpaw leafroller at work. Note webbing which typically rolls up the leaf like a burrito, safekeeping for the tender hungry larva inside.



Trogus penator wasp devouring ZSB larva on pawpaw tree. These hungry wasps will help control a multitude of caterpillars, if allowed space to exist. Fear not!



Like many webworm species, these little guys appear almost overnight, make a thick sticky protective web, and quickly start defoliating entire twigs and branches. Easily removed on lower branches, these require observation to notice their mid-summer presence in the orchard.