Meeting tells how to handle the big peach crop and plan for another

An abundant peach crop has literally left gardeners and growers with more peaches than they know what to do with. The New Mexico State University Sunshine County Cooperative Extension Service will offer some ideas on using peaches on Tuesday, Jan. 24, at the County Fairgrounds, from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

4-H members will demonstrate drying and canning methods, and Master Gardeners will discuss pruning and fertilization techniques for next winter. The morning will conclude with a Peach Cook-Off, with a chance to sample some of the best peach recipes of Sunshine County. Participants will be the judges. Extension Horticulturist Bud Wright will be on-hand to diagnose disease and insect problems.

No pre-registration is required, but those who need auxiliary aid or service to participate due to a disability should contact Fuzzy Cheeks at 123-4567 by January 13, 2006.

“We’re hoping for a big turnout,” said Cheeks, the county extension program director. “NMSU is an equal opportunity educator and we’d really like to see participants from all parts of our community.”

Related literature from the Cooperative Extension Service and the National Peach Grower’s Association will be available for participants.