



GREAT PLAINS VEGETABLE GROWERS CONFERENCE

January 9-10, 2009

(Schedule may change slightly. Be sure to check the website for an up-to-date schedule.)

Friday, January 9, 2009				
Time	Rochambeau	Classroom 216	Classroom 214	Mead
	Small Fruit	Vegetable Production	Cut Flowers/ Greenhouse Production	Specific Vegetables
9:30 - 10:30 am	<i>Blackberry and Blueberry Production and Marketing</i> - Earnie Bohner	<i>Biodiversity on the Vegetable Farm</i> - Henry Brockman	<i>Peonies as Cut Flowers</i> - Don Hollingsworth	<i>New and Proven Midwest Tomato Varieties in Different Growing Conditions</i> - Chuck Marr
10:30 – 11:00 am	BREAK in the Trade Show area			
11:00 – 12:00 pm	<i>Let's Put Two Bad Strawberry Years Into Perspective</i> - Pat Byers	<i>Weed Control</i> - Reid Smeda	<i>Basics of Cut Flowers</i> - Don Hollingsworth and Laurie Hodges	<i>Update on Disease Control on Cucurbits</i> - Dan Egel
Begins at 11:30 am	<i>The Good, the Bad & the Ugly</i> - Earnie Bohner (ends at 12:15 pm)	Lunch provided in the University's campus dining area. Down the corridor from the registration table.		<i>How to Squash Insect Pest Problems</i> - Pat O'Malley
12:00 – 12:30 pm				
12:30 – 1:00 pm				
	Organic/ Hydroponics	Vegetable Production/ Bees	Greenhouse Production/ Cut Flowers	Specific Vegetables
Begins at 1:00 pm	<i>Weed the Soil Not the Crop</i> - Eric & Anne Nordell	<i>Vegetable Grafting</i> - Sanjun Gu	<i>Vegetable Transplant Production</i> - Al Cordle	Lunch (continued)
1:30 – 2:00 pm			<i>Integrated Pest Management for Bedding Plants</i> - Ray Cloyd	<i>Pepper production in S. New Jersey</i> - Bob Muth
2:00 – 2:30 pm		<i>Tomato Disease Integrated Pest Management</i> - Dan Egel		<i>Lincoln University Eggplant Variety Trial</i> - Terry Blank
2:30 – 3:00 pm	BREAK in the Trade Show area			
3:00 – 3:30 pm	<i>Convert Greenhouse Production into Sustainable Practice</i> - Rick Holgate (ends at 3:45 pm)	<i>Managing Honeybees for Crop Pollination</i> - Travis Harper	<i>Update on University of Nebraska - Lincoln Research on Cut Flowers</i> - Laurie Hodges (ends at 3:45 pm)	<i>Parthenocarpic Zucchini Variety Trial</i> - Laurie Hodges
3:30 – 4:00 pm			<i>Cut Flower topic TBD</i>	<i>Sweetpotato updates from K-State</i> - Ted Carey
4:00 - 4:30 pm	<i>Hydroponic Research at Lincoln University</i> - Jonathan Egila	<i>Colony Collapse Disorder update</i> - Ray Cloyd		<i>Lincoln University Sweet Potato Variety Trial</i> - Rufus Jones
4:40 – 5:30 pm	State Association Meetings			
	Kansas	Nebraska	Missouri	
8:00 – 9:00 pm	Grower Innovation Hour of Fun - - Join us AT THE RAMADA INN Bring your ideas on new equipment designs, growing and marketing techniques, etc., and compete free conference registration at next year's conference.			



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Time	Rochambeau	Classroom 216	Classroom 214	Mead
	Farm Business	Organic/ Marketing	Cut Flowers/ Greenhouses	Farmer Markets
8:30 – 9:00 am	<i>Sensitive Crop Registry</i> - MO Dept of Ag Representative	<i>Organic Potato Production</i> - Tammy Hinman	<i>Marketing and Selling to Chefs and Restaurants-</i> Rick Holgate	<i>Making the Most of Your Market-</i> Jill Elmers & Mercedes Taylor-Puckett
9:00 – 9:30 am	<i>Crop Insurance Options for Vegetable Growers</i> - TBD			
9:30 – 10:00 am	<i>Making the Most of Government Programs & Grants</i> - Farmer/ Presenter TBD	<i>Organic Integrated Pest Management</i> - Wendy Ozlander	BREAK in the Trade Show area	<i>Engaging With Your Market Organization to Create Equitable Growth</i> - Dan Kuebler
10:00 – 10:30 am	BREAK in the Trade Show area		<i>Cut Flowers Panel Discussion -</i> panel of growers	BREAK
10:30 – 11:00 am	<i>Recordkeeping -</i> Tammy Hinman	<i>Marketing Panel Discussion -</i> Bob Muth, Diane Endicott, Rick Holgate, & produce auction manager		<i>Helpful Tips From the Top Markets in Missouri -</i> Lane McConnell
11:00 – 11:30 am	<i>Emergency Planning</i> - Karen Funkenbush			<i>Enhancing Your Market With a Pumpkin Festival -</i> Marc Petersen (ends at 11:45 am)
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Lunch provided in the University's campus dining area. Down the corridor from the registration table.			
	Ethnic Vegetables	Marketing & Education	Conserving Farm Energy Usage	Farmer Market
1:00 pm	<i>Growing Giant Pumpkins</i> – Marc Peterson	<i>Agritourism</i> - Jennifer Smith & Sarah Gehring	<i>Solar Powered Irrigation System -</i> Dan Kuebler	<i>Starting a Market Garden -</i> Tammy Hinman
1:30 pm			<i>Energy Saving Tips and Practices for the Farm & Home</i> – Jim Crawford	
2:00 pm	<i>Producing Ozark Forest Mushrooms</i> – Nicola McPherson	<i>Starting an Incubator Farm</i> - Katherine Kelly		<i>Vendor Pricing, Display, Food Safety, & Customer Relations</i> - Henry Brockman
2:30pm			<i>Biofuels for Growing Structures -</i> Stacy Adams	
3:00 – 3:30 pm	<i>Asian and South American Veggies</i> – Sanjun Gu	<i>Web-Based Sales -</i> Randy Waterman	<i>No-till Using Organic Production -</i> Dan Dermitzel	