



# GREAT PLAINS VEGETABLE GROWERS CONFERENCE

January 7-9, 2010

Friday, January 8, 2010				
Registration and the Trade Show open at 8:00 am.				
Time	Spratt 205	Classroom 216	Classroom 214	Mead Room
Registration opens at 8:00 am	<b>Small Fruit</b>	<b>Organic</b>	<b>Greenhouse Production</b>	<b>Vegetable &amp; Integrated Pest Management</b>
9:30 am	<i>Berry Production &amp; an Update on New Cultivar Releases – Pat Byers</i>	<i>Rotations, Fertility, and Crops Grown (How to) – Zaid &amp; Haifa Kurdieh</i>	<i>What do I Need to Know to Grow my Own Vegetable Transplants – Hank Taber</i>	<i>Tomato - Chuck Marr</i>
10:15 am	<b>BREAK</b>			
10:30 am				
10:45 am	<b>MORNING COFFEE AND SNACK BREAK IN TRADE SHOW AREA</b>			
11:00 am	<i>Strawberries &amp; other berries – Wayne Simpson</i>	<i>Organic Tomato Production: From Heirloom to High Tunnel – Kathleen Delate</i>	<i>Sweet Potato session – Ted Carey, Stephanie Thomas, &amp; Rusty Lee</i>	<i>Hot Disease Topics of 2009 – Megan Kennelly</i>
11:30 am				<i>Foliar Disease Control on Tomatoes, Cucurbits &amp; Other Veggies – Wendy Johnson</i>
11:45 am	<i>Growing and Selling Blueberries – Doug Grimm</i>	<b>Lunch provided in the University's campus dining area. Down the corridor from the registration table.</b>		
12:00 pm				
12:30 pm				
1:00 – 2:30 pm	<b>General Session with keynote speaker Kamyar Enshayan.</b> Kamyar has directed the local food program for University of Northern Iowa since 1997. He is an agricultural engineer by training and is the Director of the Center for Energy & Environmental Education at UNI. He teaches classes in environmental studies, and is the recipient of 2008 Sustainable Agriculture Achievement Award by Practical Farmers of Iowa. <b>This session will be held in the Kemper Recital hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Leah Spratt Building.</b> Lincoln University is a co-sponsor of this session.			
2:30 – 3:00 pm	<b>BREAK in the Trade Show area</b>			
	<b>GAP</b>	<b>Organic</b>	<b>Bees</b>	<b>Vegetable &amp; Integrated Pest Management</b>
3:00 pm	<i>Farm to Table Food Safety – Sam Beattie</i>	<i>Organic Weed Control –Mike Appel &amp; Emily Oakley</i>	<i>Wild Bees and Vegetable Production – Dori Porter</i>	<i>Update on New Conventional Insecticides for Vegetables – Raymond Cloyd</i>
3:30 pm				<i>Small Grower Herbicide Options 'Beyond Round-up' – Jim Quinn</i>
3:45 pm	<i>Participating in the USDA GAP &amp; GHP Audit Program, Getting certified for a Food Safety Plan – David Markwardt</i>	<i>Organic Insect Pest Control (includes a review on the efficacy of organic insecticides) – Raymond Cloyd</i>	<i>To Bee or Not to Bee... a Beekeeper – Steve Tipton</i>	<i>Weed Control in Pumpkins; Results from an Iowa Study – Hank Taber</i>
4:00 pm				
4:30 – 5:30 pm	<b>State Association Meetings</b>			
	Kansas	Nebraska	Missouri	
6:30 – 7:30 pm	<i>Elderberry Meeting at the Ramada Inn, 4016 Frederick Avenue.</i>			
8:00 – 9:00 pm	<b>Grower Innovation Hour of Fun - - Join us AT THE RAMADA INN</b> <i>Moderators: Chuck Marr &amp; Hank Taber</i> 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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Registration opens at 8:00 am	<b>Vegetable Production</b>	<b>Beginner Vegetable Production Workshop</b>	<b>Cut Flowers Workshop</b>	<b>Advanced Farmers Market</b>	
8:30 am	<i>Sweet Corn Variety Update – Seed Corn Reps TBD</i>	<i>Soil Fertility and Plant Nutrition – Jim Quinn</i>	<i>Getting Started with Cut Flowers – Frank &amp; Pamela Arnosky</i>	<i>State &amp; Federal Funding - Mary Henderickson</i>	
9:00 am	<i>Seedless Watermelon and Eggplants Update – Sanjun Gu</i>			<i>Weed Control – Jim Quinn</i>	<i>Farm Visits &amp; Inspections – Eileen Nichols Organic Without Certification – Marlin Bates</i>
9:15 am					
9:30 am	<i>Pumpkins – Tim Vala</i>	<i>Vegetable Crop Irrigation – Tim Baker</i>	<b>BREAK</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	
10:00 am	<b>BREAK</b>				
10:15 am	<b>BREAK</b>				
10:30 am	<i>New Seed Varieties for 2010 – Seed Reps TBD</i>	<b>BREAK</b>	<i>Midwestern Specialty Cuts – Karen “Mimo” Davis</i>	<i>Farmers Market Communications 2.0 – Lisa Bralts</i>	
10:45 am					
11:00 am	<i>Black Plastic Onion Production – Wayne Simpson</i>	<i>Greenhouse/ High Tunnel – Sanjun Gu</i>	<b>BREAK</b>	<i>Volunteers, Friends of the Market &amp; Sponsorships - Tracey Graham The Community “Webb”- Eileen Nichols Now What?- Billene Nemec</i>	
11:15 am					
11:30 am	<i>Hot Season Lettuce Production – Patrice Gros</i>	<i>Recommended Variety List – Marlin Bates</i>	<b>BREAK</b>	<i>Volunteers, Friends of the Market &amp; Sponsorships - Tracey Graham The Community “Webb”- Eileen Nichols Now What?- Billene Nemec</i>	
12:00 pm					
12:15 pm	<b>Lunch provided in the University’s campus dining area.</b>			<i>Volunteers, Friends of the Market &amp; Sponsorships - Tracey Graham The Community “Webb”- Eileen Nichols Now What?- Billene Nemec</i>	
12:30 pm	<b>Down the corridor from the registration table. Trade Show is open.</b>				
1:00 pm	<b>BREAK</b>				
1:15 pm	<i>My Experience with GAPs Certification – Diane Endicott</i>	<i>Vegetable Disease Control &amp; Post Harvest Handling – Tim Baker</i>	<i>The Next Level – Advanced Cut Flower Production – Frank &amp; Pamela Arnosky</i>		<i>Small Town, Small Market, BIG News – Rosanna Bauman</i>
1:45 pm	<i>Farm to College Dining Panel – Jim Quinn, Hank Taber, Pam Edwards and others TBD</i>			<i>Selling and Marketing Vegetables – Mary Henderickson</i>	<i>Cut Flower Grower Panel – Lynn Byczynski</i>
2:15 pm	<i>Common Mistakes of Growers on Organic Certification &amp; Inspection – Sue Baird</i>	<i>Vegetable Insect Pest Control – Jim Quinn</i>	<i>Cut Flower Grower Panel – Lynn Byczynski</i>		
3:00 – 3:30 pm	<i>Permaculture Principles in Small Scale Vegetable Production – Daniel Dermitzel &amp; Steve Moring (ends at 4 pm)</i>			<i>Vegetable Insect Pest Control – Jim Quinn</i>	<i>Cut Flower Grower Panel – Lynn Byczynski</i>