



GREAT PLAINS GROWERS CONFERENCE

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St. Joseph, Missouri

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

Friday, January 7, 2011				
Registration and the Trade Show open at 8:00 am.				
Time	Union Hall 218	Spratt 205	Spratt 214/216	Union Hall 219
Registration opens at 8:00 am	Small Fruit	Tree Fruit/Irrigation	Tomatoes/Sweet Corn	Organic
8:30 am	<i>Small Fruit & Grape Pests Now & In the Near Future</i> – Donn Johnson	<i>Apple Growers Roundtable: Variety Discussion, Coddling Moths, & other issues.</i>	<i>Cucurbit Disease Mgmt using Row Covers & Disease-fighting Tactics on Greenhouse Tomatoes</i> – Mark Gleason	<i>Organic Mgmt of Vegetable Diseases</i> – Adam Montri
9:00 am		<i>European Red Mite Management</i> – Rick Foster	<i>What Did Growers Like from 2010 & New Tomato Varieties for 2011</i> – Seed Company Reps	<i>Organic Under Glass and Plastic</i> – Chris Blanchard
9:15 am				
9:30 am	BREAK	BREAK <i>(Sponsored by AgraQuest, Inc.)</i>	<i>Weed Control of Sweet Corn</i> – Vince Lawson	<i>Starting from Scratch: First Year Organic Including Producing Organic Garlic Seeds</i> – Mike Bollinger
10:00 am				
10:15 am				
10:30 am	<i>Raspberry Production in High Tunnels</i> – Frank Gieringer	<i>Sooty Blotch & Flyspeck: A New Look At an Old Enemy</i> – Mark Gleason	<i>Earworm Management in Sweet Corn</i> – Rick Foster	<i>No-till and Cover Crops for Organic Vegetable Production</i> – Kathleen Delate
11:00 am	<i>Research Update & Grower Experience with Elderberries</i> – Patrick Byers & Terry Durham			
11:15 am		LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
12:00 pm				
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1:00 – 2:30 pm	General Session with keynote speaker Chris Blanchard of Rock Spring Farm will present “Values and Scales in the Local Foods Market Place.” Balancing the reasons we choose to farm with the economic realities of the modern food system can challenge even the most-experienced grower, and while beginning growers wash up on the rocks of scaling-up, questions about size and values creates conflict within the local foods movement. Join farmer, activist, and poet Chris Blanchard for a look at how we can root our growth in good business while not losing sight of the fertile values in which that growth occurs. - Rock Spring Farms offers a Four Season Vegetable Share, Individual Seasonal Vegetable Shares (Spring, Summer, Autumn & Deep Winter), and Fruit Shares. This session will be held in the Recital Hall, 1 st floor of the Spratt Bldg.			
2:30	BREAK in the Trade Show area <i>(Sponsored by Hummert International & Jan Walter’s Consulting Service)</i>			
2:45 pm	<i>Dreaming Outside the Barn Doors</i> – Becky Walters	<i>Irrigation of Vegetable Crops with an Emphasis on Drip</i> –Mike Orzolek	<i>Current Production Issues of Interest on Sweet Corn</i> – Chuck Marr	<i>Update with Organic Pesticides</i> – Jaime Pinero
3:00 pm		<i>Trickle Irrigation Management for All Berry Growers</i> – Patrick Byers	<i>Our Farm’s Approach for Marketing Sweet Corn</i> – Greg Naber	
3:15 pm				<i>Roundtable Discussion with Irrigation Suppliers</i>
3:30 pm		<i>Using Grafting in Organic Heirloom Tomato Production</i> – Cary Rivard		
3:45 pm	State Association Meetings			
4:00 pm		Kansas	Nebraska	Missouri
4:30 – 5:30 pm				
8:00 – 9:00 pm	Grower Innovation Hour of Fun – Spratt 214/216 <i>Moderators: Chuck Marr & 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.			