



GREAT PLAINS GROWERS CONFERENCE

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St. Joseph, Missouri

Saturday, January 8, 2011				
Time	Spratt 214/216	Spratt 205	Union Hall 218	Union Hall 219
Registration opens at 8:00 am	Vegetable "Revue"	**Beginner Vegetable Production Workshop	Cut Flowers Workshop	Farmers Market
8:00 am			<i>Overview of Harvester Farm – Dorothy Canote</i>	
8:30 am	<i>Good Agricultural Practices(GAP) update – David Markwardt</i>	<i>Scheduling of Vegetable Plantings – Dan Dermitzel</i>	<i>Growing & Selling Herbs – Dorothy Canote</i>	<i>Recipe for Market Success: Preparing for Market - Katherine Kelly & Rachel Bonar</i>
9:00 am	<i>Vegetable Production Around the World – Sanjun Gu & Lala Kumar</i>	<i>Growing Quality Produce on Difficult Soil – Kenny Duzan</i>	<i>Cut Flowers for Beginners – Erin Benzakein & Lynn Byczynski</i>	<i>Market Customers Eat with Their Eyes - Katherine Kelly & Rachel Bonar</i>
9:15 am				
9:30 am				
10:00 am	BREAK <i>(Sponsored by Morgan County Seeds & Stokes Seeds, Inc.)</i>			BREAK
10:15 am				
10:30 am	<i>Asparagus & Rhubarb Production – Chuck Marr</i>	<i>Basics on Irrigating Vegetables – Mike Orzolek</i>	BREAK	
10:45 am				
11:00 am	<i>Our Garlic Production & Sales Approach – Terry Schwebach</i>	<i>How to Grow Your Own Transplants – Hank Taber</i>	<i>Wedding & Event Flowers – Erin Benzakein</i>	<i>Food Safety & Other Weighty Matters - Laurie Hodges</i>
11:30 am	<i>Growing Spanish Onions – Mike Orzolek</i>	<i>Basics on Organic & Conventional Weed Control – James Quinn</i>		<i>Post-Harvest Handling for Market Farmers "Keeping it Fresh"- Laura Christensen</i>
12:00 pm	LUNCH			
12:15 pm				
1:00 pm	<i>High Tunnel vs. Field Production Tomato Variety Trial – Chuck Marr</i>	<i>10 Top Vegetable Diseases in 10 Minutes – Mark Gleason</i>	<i>Cut Flowers Hands-On! Our speaker will demonstrate how to make bridal bouquets, boutonnieres, low centerpieces and other wedding flowers. Then she will guide and advise class participants who want further instruction in the mechanics of event flowers. – Erin Benzakein</i>	<i>Farmers Market EBT & Electronic Banking Options for Farmers – Jan Walters & Deb Connors</i>
1:15 pm		<i>10 Top Insect Vegetable Pests in 10 Minutes – James Quinn</i>		
1:30 pm		<i>Pest Mgmt Q&A with a Conventional & Organic Farmer – Dan Dermitzel & Kenny Duzan</i>		
2:00 pm	<i>Pepper Production in the Midwest – Hank Taber</i>	<i>Post Harvest Handling of Vegetables – Alicia Ellingsworth</i>		
2:15 pm				
2:30 pm	<i>Sweet Potato Production – Norman Kilmer</i>	<i>Assessing the Economics of Crop Choices on a Start-up Market Farm – Eric & Joanna Reuter</i>	<i>Starting a Farmers Market "Community Relationships Build Strong Markets" – Billene Nemec</i>	
2:45 pm				<i>Farmers Market Manager Roundtable – Deb Connors & others TBD</i>
3:00 – 3:30 pm	<i>Missouri Watermelon Variety Trial – Sanjun Gu</i>			

**** The Beginner Vegetable Production Workshop is being partially sponsored by track is supported by the Missouri Beginning Farmer program through a grant from USDA NIFA.**