



GREAT PLAINS GROWERS CONFERENCE

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St. Joseph, Missouri

On Thursday choose between ONE of FIVE workshops: High Tunnel, Community Supported Agriculture (CSA), Fruit Grower's Tree Fruit Workshop, GAP/Food Safety, and new this year – Basics of Beekeeping in the Midwest!

January 5, 2012

High Tunnel Workshop

Fulkerson Center, Spratt Classrooms 214/216

- 8:00 Registration
- 9:00 **High Tunnel Year-Round Production**
– *Paul & Sandy Arnold*
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 **Advanced Soil Management in High Tunnels**
– *Dr. Matthew Kleinhenz*
- 11:45 **NRCS High Tunnel EQIP Review & Update**
– *Paul Duffner*
- Noon Lunch
- 1:00 **Production and Marketing at the Snug Haven Farm** – *Bill Warner*
- 2:30 Break
- 2:45 **Economics of Moveable and Stationary High Tunnels** – *Mike Bollinger*
- 4:00 **First Year Experience with a Moveable High Tunnel** – *Dan Kuebler*
- 4:30 **High Tunnel Research Update from Lincoln University of Missouri and Kansas State University** – *Dr. Sanjun Gu, Steven Kirk, Sarah Masterson, Dr. Cary Rivard*
- 5:30 **Workshop Adjourn**

Come enjoy refreshments & snacks in the Trade Show Area during breaks and also a special wine reception from 4-6:30 pm.

HIGH TUNNEL WORKSHOP PRESENTERS:

Paul and Sandy Arnold own Pleasant Valley Farm in upstate New York and have been farming for 24 years; they have two teenage children who are home-schooled and help run the family farm. Over 40 varieties of diverse fruit and vegetable crops are grown with organic methods on about 8 of their 180 acres of land, and they grow a diverse range of crops in two high tunnels. The Arnolds make their living selling their produce year-round at 3 area farmers' markets each week; they specialize in season-extension and profitability, and enjoy using renewable resources such as solar. Although neither came from a farming background, they have enjoyed farming as their sole source of income for the past 20 years and have also enjoyed the great lifestyle it offers. P:(518) 638-6501.

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Mike Bollinger and his wife Katie operate a certified organic small acreage farm nestled into the hills near Decorah, Iowa. In the year and a half they have spent establishing River Root Farm, they have been growing seedlings for regional farmers, providing specialty greens and vegetables for area restaurants and groceries, as well as producing seed stock and researching new varieties for seed companies. Mike is also the Agriculture Specialist and Co-Founder of Four Season Tools, a company specializing in season-extending moveable high tunnels, farm development consultation, and uniquely designed farm implements. P:(563) 382-6249.

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Paul Duffner grew up on a corn/soybean farm in central Illinois and holds a B.S. in Plant Industries from Southern Illinois University and a M.S. in Agronomy from University of Illinois. He was a Sales Representative with DuPont AG Products for 25 years in NE Arkansas and NW Missouri. He started with the NRCS at Macon as an Integrated Pest Management Specialist in 2002, Area Resource Conservationist at Jefferson City in 2003, and since 2007 is a Resource Conservationist in the NRCS State Office in Columbia, MO. One of his responsibilities is the EQIP High Tunnel offering for Missouri. P:(573) 876-0908. E:paul.duffner@mo.usda.gov.

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Matt Kleinhenz has been an Extension Vegetable Specialist with The Ohio State University for twelve years. Previously, he was a Crops Specialist with Univ. of Maine Cooperative Extension. Matt helps vegetable farmers and other members of the industry to maximize their sustainable profit potential through integrated crop management approaches. He works in field and high tunnel, organic and conventional, and fresh market and processing crop systems. His extension-research topics include grafting, season extension, product quality and soil management.

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Dan Kuebler has been growing organic produce since 1989 on his 30 acre farm, The Salad Garden, in southern Boone County Missouri and selling at local farmers markets and restaurants in Columbia, MO. He and his farming partners grow on 1.5 acres of land and began using low tunnel production in 1991. Presently the farm has two unheated tall tunnels and one moveable tall tunnel which was erected in October, 2010. The moveable tunnel has been moved twice in the 2011 growing season. The farm is anticipating adding extra track to create a third rotation with the moveable tunnel in the future. P: (573) 356-9388. E:dlkuebler@yahoo.com.

Bill Warner along with his wife Judy Hageman co-own and run Snug Haven Farm, Belleville, Wisconsin. The Farm is at the edge of the driftless area in south central Wisconsin. They have been growing in hoop houses since 1989, and growing all winter since 1995. Snug Haven Farm is known for its winter spinach. They sell at the Dane County Farmers' Market year-round in Madison, WI. Restaurants in Madison and Chicago and a spinach buyers club/CSA make up a large part of their sales also. P:(608) 424-3296. E:spinach@snughavenfarm.com