

# GREAT PLAINS GROWERS CONFERENCE

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**St. Joseph, Missouri**

Weather permitting: on Saturday, visit Schweizer Orchard, 7419 County Road 432, Savannah, MO for a tour. Meet at farm at 10 am. Tour of Farm and Considerations for High Density Apple Orchard & view Grape Pruning Demo with Marlin Bates.

Saturday, January 7, 2012

Time	Spratt 214/216	Union Hall "Blum" 222/223	Union Hall "Hoff" 218/219	Recital Hall 101	Spratt 205
Registration opens 8:00	<b>Conventional Vegetables</b>	<b>Advanced Organic</b>	<b>Cut Flowers Workshop</b>	<b>Farmers' Market</b>	<b>Urban Hort. &amp; Comm. Gardens</b>
8:30 am		<i>Long-term Soil Management</i> – Matt Kleinhenz	<i>The Why of Weird Sunflowers</i> – Laurie Hodges	<i>Ten Things to Think About Before Getting Started in Market Farming</i> – Chris Blanchard	<i>Cultivate KC</i> – Katherine Kelly
8:45 am	<i>Growing Pumpkins in the Midwest</i> – Chuck Marr	<i>Disease Prevention and Crop Rescue in Field and High Tunnel Organic Vegetables</i> – Sally Miller	<i>Growing Cut Flowers for Bouquets: An Overview of Harvest Moon Flower Farm</i> – Linda Chapman	<i>Record Keeping &amp; Marketing Tips for Farmer's Market Success</i> – Paul & Sandy Arnold	<i>Learning the Language: Successful Methods for Immigrant Farm Training</i> – Warren Kittler & Rachel Pollock
9:15 am					
9:30 am	<i>Recommended Sweet Peppers from K-State Trials</i> – Charles Barden				
9:45 am					
10:00 am		<b>BREAK</b>	<i>a. Starting from the ground up.</i> <i>b. Diversity of product and markets</i>	<b>BREAK</b>	<i>Serving the Homeless through Urban Ag</i> – Rachel Deffenbaugh & Bob Kocher
10:15 am	<i>Growing Winter Vegetables in the Greenhouse</i> – Lee Matteson				<b>BREAK</b>
10:30 am		<i>Improving Vegetable Production through Cover Crop and Compost Amendments</i> – Ajay Nair	<b>BREAK</b>		<i>South Dakota Youth Gardening Programs</i> – Chris Zdorovtsov
11:00 am	<b>BREAK</b>				
11:15 am		<i>Organic Field Tomato Production: 2011 Research Findings</i> – Kathleen Delate	<i>Linda Chapman – An in-depth 'tour' of known and lesser known cut flowers (Cultural needs; Filler: secondary flowers, center flowers, woodies; Harvest tips; Market strategy)</i>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<i>Growing With Your Community</i> – Melissa Millsap
11:30 am	<i>Interesting Observations from a Sweet Corn Demonstration Plot</i> – Elizabeth Wahle				
11:45 pm					
12:00 pm	<i>Integrating Row Covers &amp; Soil Amendments to Improve Cucumber Production</i> – Ajay Nair	<b>LUNCH</b>			<i>Open Discussion with Presenters</i>
12:30 pm					<b>LUNCH</b>
12:45 pm				<i>Farm Visits &amp; Inspections</i> – Eileen Nichols & Deb Connors	<i>Ornamental Edibles: Integrating Food into the Landscape</i> – Matt Bunch
1:00 pm	<b>LUNCH</b>	<i>Using Trap Crops to Minimize Insect Pest Damage to Organic Vegetables</i> – Jaime Piñero	<i>Linda Chapman - Floral Crafts</i>  <i>a. Season decorations</i> <i>b. Demonstration of techniques</i>		
1:30 pm					
1:45 pm	<i>Biodegradable Mulches for Vegetables</i> – Joe Hannan	<i>Organic Pesticides and Biopesticides</i> – Raymond Cloyd		<i>Measuring Success: Establishing a Plan to Evaluate Your Market</i> – Mercedes Taylor-Puckett	<i>Pruning and Training Apples &amp; Pears for Community Garden Production</i> – Patrick O'Malley
2:00 pm					
2:30 pm	<i>Chili Variety Trials – What is the Best One to Grow in Missouri</i> – Steven Kirk	<b>BREAK</b>		<b>BREAK</b>	<i>The Master Gardener's Backyard Garden at the nearby K-State Center</i> – Alan Stevens
2:45 pm		<i>Challenges Faced in 2011</i> – Liz Graznak & Bob Lominska			
3:00 pm				<i>State Farmers Market Assn Panel</i> – Eileen Nichols (MO) & Elaine Cranford (NE)	<b>BREAK</b>
3:15 pm – ends 4 pm	<i>Missouri Vegetable Variety Trials Updates: Tomato &amp; Watermelon</i> – Sanjun Gu				<i>Locating &amp; Growing in High Tunnels Within City Limits</i> – Greg Garbos