

Arkansas Vegetable Growers Conference

Arkansas Cooperative Extension State Office
2301 S. University Ave., Little Rock AR. 72204

Agenda

| Thursday, February 19 th | | |
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| 8:00 AM | Registration opens, Breakfast and Visit with Vendors | |
| Vegetable Production Session | | |
| 9:00 AM | Welcome | Dr. John Anderson <i>Senior Associate Vice President for Agriculture University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture</i> Dr. Obadiah M. Njue <i>Assistant Dean of Extension and Outreach for UAPB School of Ag, Fisheries and Human Sciences</i> |
| 9:15 AM | Vegetable Production in Arkansas | John Gavin <i>County Extension Agent (retired) University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture</i> |
| 10:00 AM | Managing Weeds in Vegetable Crops | Dr. Matt Bertucci <i>Assistant Professor University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture</i> |
| 10:30 AM | Break and visit with vendors | |
| 10:50 AM | Experienced Grower Panel | JoJo Thomas – WSBZ Farm Kyle Manning – Fat Rabbit Farms Shawn Peebles – Peebles Organic Farms |
| 11:50 AM | Secretary Wes Ward Secretary of Agriculture for the State of Arkansas | |
| 12:00 PM | Lunch and visit with vendors | |
| 1:00 PM | Building and Managing Soil Health | Dr. Henry English <i>Small Farm Director/Extension Specialist University of Arkansas Pine Bluff</i> |
| 1:30 PM | Disease and Pest Identification and Management | Dr. Aaron Cato <i>Horticulture IPM Extension Specialist University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture</i> |
| 2:15 PM | Transitioning to Organic Production | Heather Friedrich <i>Director of CAFF University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture</i> |
| 2:45 PM | High Tunnel Vegetable Production | Taunya Ernst <i>High Tunnel & Urban Ag Instructor University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture</i> |
| 3:15 PM | Break and visit with vendors | |

| Food Safety and Post-Harvest Handling Session | | | |
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| 3:30 PM | Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Vegetable Production | Iris Cole-Crosby <i>Extension Specialist</i> <i>University of Arkansas Pine Bluff</i> | |
| | Classroom Post-harvest Packing Shed Demonstration - Washing, cleaning, sanitizing and product flow | Amanda Perez <i>Food Systems and Food Safety Specialist</i> <i>University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture</i> | |
| 4:00 PM | Conference Room Drip Irrigation 101: Parts, Pieces, and Proper Design (Demonstration) | Taunya Ernst <i>High Tunnel & Urban Ag Instructor</i> <i>University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture</i> Keilah Barney <i>Program Associate - Horticulture</i> <i>University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture</i> | |
| 5:00 PM | Conference concludes for the day | | |
| | Friday, February 20 th | | |
| 8:00 AM | Registration opens, Visit with Vendors | | |
| Grower Resources Session | | | |
| 8:50 AM | Welcome | Dr. Shane Gadberry <i>Assistant Vice President for Agriculture</i> <i>University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture</i> | |
| 9:00 AM | FSA Numbers, Loans and Crop Insurance | Stephen Walker <i>Extension Associate</i> <i>University of Arkansas Pine Bluff</i> | |
| 9:30 AM | Heirs Property: Land Health and Wealth | Karen Lee <i>Small Farm Program Extension Program Specialist</i> <i>University of Arkansas Pine Bluff</i> | |
| 10:00 AM | Break and visit with vendors | | |
| 10:15 AM | Grower Resource Panel | Amanda McWhirt <i>University of Arkansas Extension Specialist</i> Brennan Washington <i>Sustainable Agriculture Research Education</i> Heather Friedrich <i>The Center for Arkansas Farms and Food (CAFF)</i> Kandi Williams <i>UAPB Small Farms Program</i> SeRena Hill <i>Southern Risk Management Education Center</i> Travis Caudle <i>Natural Resource Conservation Service</i> | |
| 11:15 AM | Arkansas Agriculture Laws and Regulations | Rusty Rumley <i>Senior Staff Attorney</i> <i>University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture</i> | |
| 11:45 AM | Closing Remarks | | |
| 12:00 PM | Workshop concludes – To-go Lunches | | |