

APPENDIX E

Field Tour Schedule

31st Southern Conservation Agricultural Systems Conference

July 22, 2009

7:45 am – Leave Eastern Shore Best Western Inn

8:00 am – Leave Holiday Inn Express

9:00 am - Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel

Opened in 1964 - A tour of the facility demonstrates why the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel was selected as one of the Seven Structural Engineering Wonders of America for the 20th Century. Length from toll plaza to toll plaza is 20 miles through waters 25 to 100 feet deep and overpasses 4 manmade islands 5.25 acres in size with two tunnels 1 mile in length each. Internet Address: <http://www.cbbt.com/>

10:45 am - Yaros Potato Farms

John and Jack Yaros are one of the best father-son operations on the Coast. Their Cardinal brand of potatoes is sought after in every market in the East. Hands on management and family involvement are two reasons why this family business is so successful. They offer round whites, yukons, and russets in almost any size and type of package. They are one of the true pioneers in russet potato production in Virginia

11:30 am - Pacific Tomato Company

Pacific Tomato Company has a state of the art grape tomato operation. They grow hundreds of acres of grape tomatoes, both organic and conventional, as well as organic round tomatoes. Internet Address: <http://www.sunripe.sunripeproduce.com/index.php?pr=Home>

12:30 pm – Lunch – Eastville Inn

1:45 pm – Cherrystone Aqua-Farms

Cherrystone Aqua-Farms is a division of Ballard Fish and Oyster, Incorporated; which has been in the shellfish business since 1895. Cherrystone Aqua-Farms is the largest hard clam aquaculture operation in the Country. They co-operate with a number of local growers to supply markets throughout the country with both clams and oysters that are raised in the salty waters of the Chesapeake Bay and tributaries. <http://www.littleneck.com/index.php>

3:00 pm – C&E Farms

A fine family-run operation that has become one of the largest snap bean operations in the East. Quality is the watchword as brothers Mark and Bob harvest, process, and ship five to ten thousand bushels of beans daily during their June -October season. Hydro-cooled green and wax varieties are available the entire season.

4:00 pm – Scenic Drive

At Birdsnest, VA, we head east to Northampton County Route 600, also known as Seaside Road. Seaside Road parallels Virginia Highway 13 from the tip of the DELMARVA Peninsula north to the Virginia state line. Along the ride North to Exmore, VA we see significant acreage of plasticulture raised round tomatoes, cotton, corn, soybeans, and more...