

ALABAMA FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CONFERENCE

February 20, 2010

Lowder Business Building, 411 West Magnolia Ave.

Auburn University

7:30 am - 8:30 am - Registration

8:30 am - Welcome, AFVGA President

8:45 am - Mr. Don Wambles, Alabama Farmers Market Authority

9:15 am to 11:45 am & 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm - *Breakout Sessions*: Small Fruit, Tree Fruit, Vegetables

Small Fruit Session:

Moderator - Mr. Mike Reeves, Regional Extension Agent

Strawberry

9:15 am – Annual Hill Strawberry Production in Alabama, Mr. Jimmy Witt (Blount County Grower)

9:45 am – Cover Crop Uses and Frost/ Freeze Protection in Strawberries, Mr. Jimmy Witt (Blount County Grower)

10:15 am BREAK

Blueberry

10:45 am – Blueberry Production Practices in Alabama, Mr. Neil Kelly, Regional Extension Agent

11:15 am – Evaluation of Newly Released and Well-Established Rabbiteye Blueberry Cultivars in Alabama, Dr. Elina Coneva, Extension Fruit Specialist

11:45 am to 1:00 pm LUNCH

Small Fruit Session:

Moderator - Mr. Dan Porch, Extension Coordinator, Blount County

Blackberry

1:00 pm – Blackberry Production Principles, Mr. Bobby Boozer, Extension-Research Horticulturist

1:30 pm – New Blackberry Production Systems, Dr. Arlie Powell, Former Extension Fruit Specialist

2:00 pm to 2:30 pm BREAK

Muscadine

2:30 pm – Muscadine Grape Production and Cultivar Performance, Dr. Elina Coneva, Extension Fruit Specialist and Chip East, Regional Extension Agent

3:00 pm to 4:00 pm – Award Recognition and Business Meeting, Alabama Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association

Tree Fruit Session:

Moderator - Mr. James Miles, Regional Extension Agent

Apples

9:15 am – Antique and Heirloom Apples, *Mr. Doug Chapman, Regional Extension Agent*

9:45 am – Pesticide Safety--Affects You and Your Product, *Mr. Doug Chapman, Regional Extension Agent*

10:15 am BREAK

Satsuma

10:45 am – Satsuma Production Basics, *Dr. Jay Spiers, Assistant Professor*

11:15 am – Frost/ Freeze Protection and Sheltered Production of Citrus, *Dr. Arlie Powell, Former Extension Fruit Specialist*

11:45 am to 1:00 pm LUNCH

Tree Fruit Session:

Moderator - Mr. Gary Gray, Regional Extension Agent

Peaches

1:00 pm – Peach Orchard Basics, *Mr. Mike Reeves, Regional Extension Agent*

1:30 pm – Care and Maintenance of Bearing Peach Trees, *Mr. Bobby Boozer, Extension-Research Horticulturalist*

2:00 pm to 2:30 pm BREAK

Persimmons

2:30 pm – Growing Oriental Persimmons, *Mr. Gary Gray, Regional Extension Agent*

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Vegetable Session:

Moderator - Mr. Chip East, Regional Extension Agent

9:15 am – Experiences with High Tunnel Vegetable Production, *Dr. Wheeler Foshee, Associate Professor*

9:45 am – Tomato Production Update, *Mr. Dan Porch, Extension Coordinator- Blount County*

10:15 am BREAK

Vegetable Pests Updates

10:45 am – Weed Control Options in Vegetables, *Dr. Mike Patterson, Professor*

11:15 am – Insecticide Recommendations in Tomatoes, Peas, Beans, and Asparagus, *Dr. Ayanava Majumdar, Extension Entomology Specialist*

11:45 am to 1:00 pm LUNCH

Vegetable Session:

Moderator - Mr. Neil Kelly, Regional Extension Agent

1:00 pm – Southern Pea Production, *Dr. Joe Kemble, Professor and Extension Vegetable Specialist*

1:30 pm – Asparagus Production for Local Markets, *Mr. Tony Glover, Regional Extension Agent*

2:00 pm to 2:30 pm BREAK

Vegetable Variety Update

2:30 pm – Performance of Selected Tomato, Watermelon and Cantaloupe Varieties, *Dr. Joe Kemble, Professor and Extension Vegetable Specialist*

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