

Urban and Small Farms Conference

Wednesday, February 18, 2015

	Vegetable Production	Business Plans
7:30 AM	Registration Open	
8:00 AM	Pre-conditioning Transplants to Stand Up to Stress - Dan Drost	Business Plans & No-cost Planning Resources - Jason Yerka
8:30 AM	Field Evaluations of Pre-conditioned Transplants - Rick Heflebower	
9:00 AM	Grafting Melons - James Barnhill and Sherm Thompson	
9:30 AM	Large Scale Shade Structures - Sam Day	
10:00 AM	BREAK	
10:30 AM	New Vegetable Diseases found in Utah - Claudia Nischwitz	Business Plans & No-cost Planning Resources Cont. - Jason Yerka
11:00 AM	Addressing the threat of Brown Marmorated Stink Bug in the Western U.S. -Lori Spears	
11:30 AM	USU IPM Group - Bonnie Bunn	
11:35 AM	Long Q& A interaction with the growers feedback and discussion	
Noon	Lunch break	
	Irrigation Mgmt.	Good Agriculture Practices (GAP)
1:00 PM	How much Water are you using - Sensor Data - Dan Drost	Introduction: What is new and various types - Shawn Olsen, USU
1:30 PM	Low-flow or drip irrigation systems - Ron Patterson	Environmental Stewardship Certificate - Jay Olsen, UDAF Why GAP and What Will be Required - Leigh Vaughn, Associated Foods
2:30 PM	BREAK	
3:00 PM	Irrigation Issues - Niel Allen	My Experience with GAP - Jeremy East, Farmer
3:45 PM		Do's and Don'ts of GAP - Christopher Riley, fruit grower
4:00 PM	Producer Panel	Long Q&A Interaction with Growers, Clicker Survey
4:30 PM		
5:00 PM		

Thursday February 19, 2015

	Berry Production	Alternative Production	Direct marketing and Management
8:00 AM	Welcome, Research Update: High Tunnel Blackberry - Brent Black, USU	Intro to Alt. Crops - Larry Rupp, USU	USDA Rural Development - Perry Mathews
8:30 AM		Make the Utah Dept of Agriculture Work for You - Miles Maynes, UDAF	
8:30 AM	Raspberry Viruses - Claudia Nischwitz, USU	Native Plant Production - Janett Warner, Wildland Nursery	USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service - David Hanson
9:00 AM	Iron Nutrition in Raspberries: why some products work better than others - Jace Johnson	Growing Natives for Farmers' Markets - Bill Varga, Teton Trees	USDA Farm Service Agency Programs - Clif Rasmussen, Jennifer Hicks
	Aluminet Shading for Raspberries - Dave Cornaby		
9:30 AM	1st clicker survey & open discussion Update on new web resources	Alternative Crop Research at USU - Larry Rupp, USU	Financing Small Farms - Western Ag Credit, Sarah Butters
10:00 AM	BREAK		
10:30 AM	Leafhopper & Currant Borer Management - Marion Murray, USU	Using Alternative Water Systems for Production and Communicating with Customers - Cynthia Bee, Thayne Tagge, Luke Peterson	New marketing trends including boxes - Ruby Ward, USU
	Horntail Control - Craig Floyd		
11:00 AM	Insect & Spider Mite Control - Diane Alston, USU 2nd clicker survey and open discussion		Winder Farms & the challenges of sourcing local - Melanie Robinson, Winder Farms
Noon	Lunch break		
1:00 PM	Keynote Speaker - Utah Agriculture Commissioner Adams		
	IPM/Organic Research Updates	Alternative Cont.	Local Food Issues
2:00 PM	Organic Peach Research, Jennifer Reeve, USU	Green House Production Basics - Mike Caron, USU	Marketing into schools and using value added products - Dave Cornaby, Janet Stocks
	Grower Panel Organic Production: Wayne Hanks, Marc Rowley		
3:00 PM	BREAK		
3:30 PM	Organic Peach Economics- Trevor Knudsen, USU	Green Urban Lunchbox- Shawn Peterson	Utah's Own Website-Tamra Watson, UDAF
4:00 PM	Online and Print Resources for Successfully Implementing IPM - Marion Murray, USU		Farm Link: connecting new farmers with land in SLCO- Julie Peck Dabbling
	Soil Testing - Ester Thompson		
5:00 PM			

Friday February 20, 2015 - Post Conference Farm & Food Tourism Workshop

8:00 AM	Registration / Check-in
9:00 AM	Workshop begins lunch included
4:00 PM	Workshop ends