





Wednesday Sessions

- 9:30 am** **Registration** (*Laurel Registration Foyer*)
 Visit Exhibits (*Mt. Mitchell/Mt. Roan*)
 NC Tomato Growers Association Board of Directors Meeting (*Magnolia Room*)
- 11:30** **Lunch** (*on your own*)
- 12:30** **Welcome from NC Tomato Growers Association President, Melinda James**
 Exhibit Hall (*Mt. Mitchell/Mt. Roan*)





Concurrent Session 1 - Mt. Pilot Room

Moderator— Bart Renner and Elizabeth Ayers, NCCE Agriculture Agents

- 1:00 pm** **Postharvest Tools and Tips for Small-Scale Growers** – Dr. Penny Perkins-Veazie, Dept. of , NCSU
- 1:30** **Weed Control and Critical Weed-Free Period in Grafted Tomato** – Katie Jennings,  
 Dept. of Horticultural Science, NCSU
- 2:00** **Taking the Bite out of Late Blight** – Dr. Kelly Ivors, Dept. of Plant Pathology, NCSU  
- 2:30** **Break**

Moderator— Meghan Baker, NCCE Agriculture Agent, Buncombe County

- 3:00** **Grants for Small Farmers** – Ross Young, County Extension Director, Madison County
- 3:30** **Managing Cucurbit Downy Mildew in North Carolina** –Mike Adams, Research Specialist,  
 Dept. of Plant Pathology, NCSU and Dr. Kelly Ivors, Dept. of Plant Pathology NCSU
 Presenter: Susan Colucci, NCCE, Area Specialized Agent- Commercial Vegetables
- 4:00** **Practical Guide to H2A and MSPA** – Miguel Perez, Wage and Hour Investigator

Concurrent Session 2– Mt. Pisgah Room




Moderator—Dr. Chris Gunter, Dept. of Horticultural Science, NCSU

- 1:00 – 2:30 pm** **FDA Listening Session on the FSMA Proposed Fresh Produce Rules**
This event is a live webcast of the listening session taking place at the Governor Kerr Scott Building - North Carolina State Fairgrounds, Raleigh

Speakers In Raleigh include:

- Commissioner Steve Troxler**, NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Dr. Richard Linton, Dean, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, North Carolina State University
Michael R. Taylor, Deputy Commissioner for Food, US Food and Drug Administration
Dr. James R. Gorny, Senior Advisor for Produce Safety, US Food and Drug Administration

Moderator— Jeremy DeLisle, NCCE Agriculture Agent, Mitchell and Yancey Counties

- 2:30** **Fumigation and Risk** – Clif Parker, Assistant Deputy Administrator for Risk Management Agency (Retired)
- 3:00** **Soil Fumigants and New Mulch Technology for Diverse Operations** – Dr. Josh Freeman, 
 Dept. of Horticultural Science, Virginia Tech
- 3:30** **Weed Competition and Control in Solanaceous Crops** – Speaker: Daniel Dayton,  
 Dr. Katie Jennings, Dept. of Horticultural Science, NCSU
- 4:00** **Changing Climate, Uncertain Future** – Dr. Gerard Voos, UNC-Asheville
- 4:30** **Business Meeting** (*Mt. Pisgah*)
- 5:00** **Social** (*Mt. Mitchell/Mt. Roan*)

Thursday Session










8:00 am Visit Exhibitors & Registration

8:25 Welcome from Dr. Chris Gunter, NCSU Dept. of Horticultural Science (*Mt. Pisgah Room*)

Mt. Pisgah/ Mt. Pilot Room

Moderators— Dr. Chris Gunter, NCSU and Susan Colucci, NCCE

- 8:30 am** Managing Spider Mites and Stink Bugs – Dr. Jim Walgenbach, Dept. of Entomology, NCSU  
- 9:00** Grafting for Field Tomato Production- the State of the Technology – Dr. Frank Louws, Dept. of Plant Pathology, NCSU  
- 9:30** Bacteria without Borders: Emerging Issues in Vegetable Production – Dr. Kelly Ivors, Dept. of Plant Pathology, NCSU  
- 10:00** Tomato improvement for fruit quality and disease resistance: Effort continues—Dr. Dilip Panthee, Dept. of Horticultural Science, NCSU 
- 10:30** **Break**
- 11:00** On the History of Tomato Production in Western N.C. – Dr. Paul Shoemaker, Professor Emeritus, Dept. of Plant Pathology, NCSU, and Owner, Holly Spring Farm, Mills River, NC

Noon **Sponsored Luncheon** (*Overlook Room*)

NC Tomato Growers Association Silent Auction Results

NCDA Updates Mr. Bill Yarborough, Special Assistant to the Commissioner of Agriculture

NCSU Updates Dr. David Monks, Assistant Director of Research, NCARS

Silent Auction: Don't forget to visit and bid on items that were donated to the **NC Tomato Growers Association** Silent Auction. All the proceeds of the *Silent Auction* go to the **Scholarship Endowment Fund**. Each year scholarships are awarded to one or more deserving college students who are pursuing an agricultural-related degree.

You can win \$100! Simply fill out an evaluation form. One evaluation will be randomly selected and the winner will receive **\$100!** Winner will be announced at Thursday's luncheon. You must be present to win. We want to make sure that we are serving your needs and the only way we know this is by hearing your comments!
Your input is valuable to this conference and for future conferences.



Pesticide Credits Available for Presentation

In order to receive **PESTICIDE CREDITS** you **MUST** be **REGISTERED** for the Winter Vegetable Conference. Those individual **NOT REGISTERED** will **NOT** receive pesticide credits.



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