



January 17, 2019

Subject: Twelfth Annual NC Commercial Blackberry and Raspberry Growers Association Meeting

To: Blackberry Growers and Industry

From: Daniel Shires, Agriculture Extension Agent

You are invited to attend the twelfth annual NCCBRGA meeting. As always we have an interesting and educational program scheduled. The meeting will be held in the Cleveland County Extension Auditorium at 130 S. Post Rd. Shelby, NC 28152 on February 15. In order to plan for the meal, you will need to **RSVP** by Monday February 11 by calling 704-482-4365. If you have any questions, need directions or if you would like to sponsor the meeting, feel free to call.

There will be a \$20 registration fee per person for the meeting. We will also be collecting, 2019 NCCBRGA annual membership dues. NCCBRGA membership dues are \$50 per farm. These monies are vital to the continued success of the association and its members. Your membership dues allow us to have annual production meeting in addition to field days. The monies also support various research and academic projects.

Please note that we will be holding a very important session during the meeting in regards to a possible Blackberry Industry Referendum and potential Assessment. Your attendance and opinions are extremely important to this order of business! See enclosed letter for additional details.

In addition, make sure to thank and visit our numerous sponsors, which will be set up in the back of the auditorium! I look forward to seeing each of you at the meeting.

A copy of the agenda is on next page.

Daniel



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Friday February 15, 2019
Cleveland County Extension Office Auditorium
Shelby, NC 28152

Agenda:

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| 8:45-9:00 | Registration |
| 9:00-9:05 | Opening Remarks and Welcome, Ethan Lineberger NCCBRGA President |
| 9:05-9:35 | Blackberry Research Update, Karen Blaebow NCCE |
| 9:35-9:45 | New “App” Technologies , Heather Webb Faith Farms |
| 9:45-10:00 | New Insecticide Update, Mike Cunnane FMC Agriculture Solutions |
| 10:00-10:15 | National Berry Crops Initiative, Debbie Wechsler |
| 10:15-10:45 | Weed Control Update, Wayne Mitchem NCSU |
| 10:45-11:00 | Break |
| 11:00-11:30 | Update on H2A Changes, Lee Wicker NC Grower’s Association |
| 11:30-12:00 | “Seasonal Changes in Leaf Nutrients in Single and Double Cropped Primacane Fruiting Systems, Dr. Gina Fernandez NCSU |
| 12:00-1:00 | Lunch and Vendor Visits |
| 1:00-1:45 | NCCBRGA Business Meeting |
| 1:45-2:15 | H2A Housing Construction, Grower Panel Discussion Brent Brown, Wayne Mitchem and Jeff Crotts |