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Sponsors:



Who's Who of the East Texas Commercial Fruit & Vegetable Conference

Dr. David Creech—Professor, Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches

Dr. Joe Masabni—Extension Vegetable Specialist, College Station

Dr. Tom Isakeit—Extension Plant Pathologist—College Station

Dr. David Byrne—Professor Horticulture Texas A&M—College Station

Mr. Monte Nesbitt—Extension Specialist-Horticulture, College Station

Mr. Michael Phippen—Irrigation Mart, Inc.—Rushton, Louisiana

Mr. David Claiborne—Tomato Grower, Troup

Ms. Fran Pontasch—Extension Viticulture Specialist, Stephenville

Mr. Rick Leopold—USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service—College Station

Ms. Charlotte Rambo—Texas A&M, College Station

Mr. Chris Lloyd-- Chris Lloyd's True Vine Vineyard, Tyler



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Annual East Texas Commercial Fruit & Vegetable Conference



Rose Garden Center
Tyler, Texas
February 28, 2012



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2012 East Texas Commercial Fruit and Vegetable Conference-Tyler Rose Garden Center-
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Agenda

- 8:00 AM Registration--\$30 per person at the Door (3 CEU's)
8:30 AM Drip and Micro Irrigation Technology –Michael Pippen, Irrigation Mart, Inc.
9:15 AM Will You Have Enough Water? Will It be Suitable for Irrigation?--Rick Leopold,
U.S.D.A. Natural Resource Conservation Service
- 10:00 AM Break
10:15 AM Monitoring Irrigation and Packing Shed Water for Microbial Pathogens and
Indicator Organisms—Charlotte Rambo, Texas A&M
11:00 AM Food Safety Issues, Dr. Joe Masabni, Extension Vegetable Specialist
11:50 AM LUNCH-- Family Consumer Science Demonstration Presentation
- 1:00 PM Afternoon Concurrent Sessions: (adjourning approximately by 4:00 PM)
Fruit:
- 1:00 PM Earth-Kind Fruit Crops –
1:45 PM New, Niche, and Potential Fruit Crops (olives, pomegranates, citrus, etc.) –
Monte Nesbitt, Extension Horticulture Specialist
- Break
2:30 PM Blueberries –Dr. David Creech, Stephen F. Austin State Professor, Horticulture
3:15 PM New Texas A&M Peach Varieties –Dr. David Byrne, Professor Horticulture
Texas A&M University
- Vegetable:
- 1:00 PM Earth-Kind Vegetable Crops --
1:45 PM Tomato Grafting/Soil Amendments –Results of Expand-N-Gro-
Dr. Joe Masabni, Extension Vegetable Specialist
- Break
2:30 PM Tomato Growing Experiences- David Claiborne
3:00 PM Plant Diseases (trends in diseases & new products Vegetables)--Dr. Tom Isakeit,
Extension Plant Pathologist
- Grapes:
- Finding Time in 2012 - Vineyard Tasks
1:00 PM Vineyard Tasks and their Time Requirements --
Ms. Fran Pontasch, Extension Viticulture Associate
1:30PM Vineyard Water Needs
Drive to True Vine Vineyard
2:30 PM Chris Lloyd's True Vine Vineyard Tour

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