



2024 TRI-STATE FRUIT & VEGETABLE ANNUAL CONFERENCE ★

2741 Penn Avenue, Marianna, FL 32448

January 31, 2024
Agenda

7:30 a.m.
Registration

8:00 a.m.
Welcome

8:10 a.m.
USDA Programs: What is Available to You -
*Brendaly Rodriguez Munoz, USDA NRCS &
Anthony Williams, USDA Farm Service Agency*

8:40 a.m.
Basic Considerations from Conventional to Organic
Production Systems - *Dr. Muhammed Shahid,
UF/IFAS Extension Assistant Professor,
Horticulture - Stress Physiology of Fruit Crops*

9:10 a.m.
Cucurbit Species, Crop and Variety Tolerance
to Whitefly Transmitted Viruses in Georgia -
*Dr. Ted Mcavoy, Assistant Professor & Vegetable
Production Extension Specialist: Vegetable
Production, University of Georgia Extension*

9:40 a.m.
Break/Vendor Highlights

10:00 a.m.
Improving Irrigation Schedules Using Blue
Dye Tests and Soil Moisture Sensor Information -
*Bob Hockmuth, UF/IFAS Extension Assistant
Center Director & Regional Specialized
Extension Agent - Vegetables*

10:30 a.m.
Agriculture Labor Trends and the Growing
H-2A Program - *Dr. Derek Farnsworth,
UF/IFAS Associate Professor, Food and
Resource Economics Department*

11:00 a.m.
Florida Agricultural Soil Moisture Sensor Network:
Engaging growers, agents, and technology industry
to conserve and protect water resources -
*Dr. Vivek Sharma, UF/IFAS Assistant Professor,
Precision Water Management, Agricultural and
Biological Engineering*

11:30 a.m.
Break for Lunch

1:00 p.m.
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