

**Agenda for 42nd NC Tomato Grower's Association Annual Meeting and Winter Vegetable Conference, Crowne Plaza, Asheville, NC
February 17-18, 2010**

Wednesday:

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

Wednesday (2/17)	Pilot/Pisgah (SESSION 1)	Overlook (SESSION 2)
1:00 pm	PC Insect Control in Sweet Corn - Mark Abney, Dept. of Entomology, NCSU	PC Understanding TMV and other tomato viruses- Kelly Ivors, Dept. of Plant Pathology, NCSU
1:30	Importance of Pollinators - David Tarpay, Dept. of Entomology, NCSU	Grafting of tomatoes and other crops – Dr. Frank Louws, Dept. of Plant Pathology. NCSU
2:00	Fresh Produce Safety Traceback and Recall - Grower Panel and Ben Chapman, Family and Consumer Sciences	PC Weed Control in Tomatoes - Katie Jennings, Dept. of Horticultural Science, NCSU
2:30	Break	Break
3:00	High Tunnel Fertility and Soil Management - Ron Gehl, Dept. of Soil Science, NCSU	Pepper production and management - Chris Gunter, Dept. of Horticultural Science, NCSU
3:30	Economics of High Tunnels, Does it really pay? - Ed Estes, Dept. of Ag. and Resource Economics, NCSU	Marketing, Meeting the needs of customers and what produce managers are looking for - Shaiyu Chandarama, Produce/Floral Category Manager, Earth Fare
4:00	High Tunnel Production and Management (grower panel discussion group) - Phillip Sanders and Andy Meyers from the Piedmont Research Station and Rick Harty from Harty Farm	Chinese and Korean Ethnic Vegetables- Art Bridgeman, Bridgeman Vegetable Farm, Roseboro, NC
4:30	Business Meeting (Mt. Pisgah)	
5:00	Social Hour in Exhibit Hall (Mt. Mitchell/Mt. Roan)	

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8:00 am **Registration** (*Laurel Registration Foyer*),
Visit Exhibits (*Mt. Mitchell/Mt. Roan*)

8:45 **Welcome from Dr. Chris Gunter, NCSU Dept. of Horticultural
Science** (*Mt. Pisgah Room*)

Thursday (2/18)	Pilot/Pisgah (SESSION 3)
9:00 am	PC Insect Management on Fruiting Vegetables, with a Focus on Thrips- Jim Walgenbach, Dept. of Entomology, NCSU
9:30	Labor Issues and H2A situation - Richard Blaylock, Dept. of Labor
10:00	PC Combating late blight and other serious foliar diseases of tomato - Kelly Ivors, Dept. of Plant Pathology, NCSU
	Critical Issues with Assessments - Bill Yarborough, NC Tomato Growers Association Board
10:30	Break
11:00	PC Methyl Bromide Alternatives and EPA Regulation Changes- Rob Welker and Frank Louws, Dept. of Plant Pathology, NCSU
11:30	Tomato Breeding Program Update - Dilip Panthee, Dept. of Horticultural Science, NCSU
12:00 pm	Session Ends, Proceed to Sponsored Luncheon (Overlook Room)
12:15	NC Tomato Growers Association <i>Silent Auction</i> Results Evaluation Drawing for \$100! Industry Updates (15 min) NCDA & CS Updates - Bill Yarborough, Regional Agronomist, NCDA & CS NCSU Updates - Dr. Tom Melton, Associate State Program Leader - Agriculture, Natural Resources and Community Rural Development (ANR/CRD), NC Cooperative Extension Service Sponsored Luncheon

PC = Pesticide Credits approved January 7, 2010

Certified Crop Advisor Continuing Education Credits applied for on January 12, 2010