



*3rd National Vegetable Grafting Symposium*  
**Growing New Roots for the Vegetable Industry in the U.S.**



Thursday January 8, 2015  
Savannah International Trade & Convention Center (SITCC)  
1 International Drive, Savannah, GA 31402

**Session 1. Overview of Vegetable Grafting Today**

**Moderator:** Erin Roskopf, USDA-ARS

- 8:30am-8:45am**      **Welcome** – Frank Louws, North Carolina State University
- 8:45am-9:15am**      **Tomato grafting in the U.S.** – Matthew Kleinhenz, The Ohio State University
- 9:15am-9:45am**      **Cucurbit grafting in the U.S.** – Richard Hassell, Clemson University
- 9:45am-10:15am**      **Overview of grafting in Italy** – Giovanna Causarano, Centro Seia

**Break and Poster Viewing**

**10:15am-10:45am**      **Poster presentations** – U.S. research programs, seed companies and suppliers, international programs and companies (refreshments served)

**Session 2. Propagation for Grafting**

**Moderator:** Richard Hassell, Clemson University

- 10:45am-11:15am**      **Inter-specific Cucurbita rootstock** – Roni Cohen, The Agricultural Research Organization of Israel
- 11:15am-11:45am**      **How a seed company makes the decision for breeding and marketing of rootstock** – Kazutoshi Kasuya, American Takii
- 11:45am-12:05pm**      **Rootstock trials- What we look for at Johnny's Selected Seeds** – Andrew Mefferd, Johnny's Selected Seeds
- 12:05pm-12:25pm**      **Overview of propagation technology developments** – Chieri Kubota, University of Arizona
- 12:25pm-12:55pm**      **Propagation Panel:** Erin Roskopf, USDA-ARS, Florida (moderator); Giovanna Causarano, Centro Seia; Kazutoshi Kasuya, American Takii; Roni Cohen, ARO, Israel; Ricardo Hernández, Grafted Growers; Gregg Opgenorth, Plug Connection; Chieri Kubota, University of Arizona; Andrew Mefferd, Johnny's Selected Seeds

**Lunch and Poster Viewing**

**12:55pm-2:00pm**      **All participants** (included in registration)

Full Conference Program:  
<http://www.seregionalconference.com>

USDA-SCRI-Grafting Team Website:  
<http://www.vegetablegrafting.org>

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### Session 3. Grafting Production Systems

**Moderator:** Chieri Kubota, University of Arizona

- 2:00pm-2:30pm**      **Overview of cucurbit grafting in Israel** – Roni Cohen, The Agricultural Research Organization of Israel
- 2:30pm-2:50pm**      **Using grafted watermelon plants for fresh market production** – Dan Van Groningen, Van Groningen and Sons
- 2:50pm-3:10pm**      **Using grafted plants for high tunnel tomato production in the Midwest** - Frank Gieringer, Gieringer's Orchard
- 3:10pm-3:30pm**      **Tomato production successes and challenges in large-scale field production** – Randall Patterson, Patterson Farms
- 3:30pm-4:00pm**      **Production Systems Panel:** Josh Freeman, University of Florida (moderator); Dan Van Groningen, Van Groningen and Sons; Randall Patterson, Patterson Farms; Nancy Roe, Farming Systems Research Inc.; Frank Gieringer, Gieringer's Orchard

### Posters

At least 12 posters covering many grafting-production topics will be available for viewing.

### Reception

**4:00pm-6:00pm**      **Poster Presentations and Exhibits**

*\*\*\*PAT and CCA continuing education (CEU) credits may be available\*\*\**

**Note: Exhibits and posters will be displayed for easy viewing during breaks, lunch and the reception.**

### Exhibitors

Grafted Growers  
Hybec USA  
TriEst Ag Group  
Johnny's Selected Seeds  
SuperNaturals Grafted Vegetables



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