



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



Thursday January 8, 2015
Savannah, Georgia, Savannah International Trade & Convention Center

Tentative program – the schedule is subject to change

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

Poster Presentations

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** **Commercial propagation for grafting** – 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** **How seed distributors choose specific rootstocks** – TBA, Johnny's 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; Chieri Kubota, University of Arizona

Lunch

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

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<http://www.seregionalconference.com>

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Session 3. Grafting Production Systems

Moderator: Chieri Kubota, University of Arizona

- 2:00pm-2:30pm** **On experiences with 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** – TBA
- 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

Reception

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

Note: Sponsors/exhibitors can set up tables in the conference room (to be confirmed) for high visibility and information sharing during breaks, lunch and the reception; this is independent and not affiliated with the Exhibitor area of the Savannah conference.

Exhibitors:

Grafted Growers
Hybec USA

Posters:

Weed management in grafted vs. non-grafted fresh market tomato - Sushila Chaudhari, NCSU

Sucker control of tomato seedlings by fatty alcohol application - Tomomi Eguchi, The University of Arizona



The symposium is proudly being held in conjunction with the SE Regional Fruit & Vegetable Conference on January 8-11, 2014 at the Savannah International Trade & Convention Center, Savannah, Georgia.

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