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**Registration Deadline: March 7th**

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## **Directions to Mercer County Ag Center**

463 North Perry Highway (Rt. 19)

Mercer, PA

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**March 12, 2014**

**8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Mercer County Ag Center  
463 North Perry Highway  
Mercer, PA**

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# Meeting Agenda

## Featured Speakers

**8:00 a.m. Registration and Visit  
Sponsor Exhibits**

**9:00-9:30 a.m.**

**“Penn State Resources for Vegetable and Small Fruit Growers”**

Andy Muza, Penn State Extension, Erie County

**9:30-10:30**

**“Vegetable Disease Updates” and  
“Blueberry Pests”**

Lee Stivers and Bob Pollock, Penn State Extension,  
Washington and Indiana Counties

**10:30-10:45 Break**

**10:30-11:15**

**“Tools and Tips for Widening  
Fresh Vegetable Production and  
Marketing Windows”**

Dr. Matt Kleinhenz, Extension Vegetable Specialist,  
Ohio State University, Wooster, OH

**11:15-noon**

**“Digging Deeper I: Soil Testing  
and Recommendations”**

Dr. John Spargo, Director, Penn State Agricultural  
Analytical Services Laboratory

**Noon to 1 p.m. Lunch and Visit  
Sponsor Exhibits**

**1:00– 1:45 p.m.**

**“Digging Deeper II: Understanding  
Fertilizers and Organic Matter  
Inputs”**

Dr. Elsa Sánchez, Associate Professor of Horticultural  
Systems, Penn State

**1:45– 2:15**

**“An Introduction to Grafted  
Tomatoes”**

Dr. Matt Kleinhenz, Extension Vegetable Specialist,  
Ohio State University, Wooster, OH

**2:15– 2:45**

**“Sweet Corn Variety Evaluation,  
plus a Brief GAPs Update”**

Bob Pollock, Penn State Extension, Indiana County

**2:45– 3:15**

**“Pesticides and Pollinator Safety”**

Lee Stivers, Penn State Extension, Washington  
County

**3:15 p.m. Evaluations and  
Adjournment**

**2 Core and 2 Category (PC, 03, 18)  
credits requested from PA Dept. Agriculture  
and WV Dept. Agriculture.**

**Matt Kleinhenz** is Extension Vegetable Specialist and Associate Professor, Department of Horticulture and Crop Science, Ohio State University, OARDC, in Wooster. Dr. Kleinhenz’s applied research covers a broad range of vegetable production practices, nutrient management, and improving produce quality.

**John Spargo** recently joined Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences as the Director of the Agricultural Analytical Services Laboratory. He oversees Penn State’s soil, plant, water, compost, media, and manure testing services.

**Elsa Sánchez** is Associate Professor of Horticultural Systems Management in the Department of Plant Science, Penn State University. Her current extension projects focus on sustainable and organic production of vegetable crops. Dr. Sánchez’s publication, **“Using Organic Nutrient Sources”** provides in-depth, practical, and research-based recommendations on using organic nutrient sources such as compost, manure, green manures, and organic fertilizers, for organic and conventional growers alike.