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Mercer, PA

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Meeting Agenda

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.

Featured Speakers

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.