

## **Tomato Grafting Workshop**

Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014

Time: 9:00 – 2:00pm?

Registration Fee: \$25

Location: CEFS/ SFU, Goldsboro, NC

The goal of this workshop is to learn about tomato production through the utilization of grafting for disease management and enhanced plant vigor and yield. Participants will learn why grafting is an important tool in vegetable production, become familiar with some commercially available rootstocks and learn about some important research projects underway. In addition, participants will learn the art and the science of tomato grafting through hands-on experience. Each person will receive a 6-pack of tomato plants which they will use to practice proper techniques as well as learn the importance of and how to build and manage a 'healing chamber', where plants are kept while the grafts heal.

A tremendous amount of grafting research has been done using tomatoes, however, additional crops, such as cucumber, melon and watermelon are also being grafted. Participants will receive an introduction into the fascinating world of cucurbit grafting, as well.

A follow-up to this workshop will be held in the early summer. The Grafting Tomato Field Day will be held at the Small Farm Unit and participants will see different rootstock/ scion combinations, learn how to do disease ratings and have a tomato taste test!

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