



4th National Vegetable Grafting Symposium **Growing New Roots for the Vegetable Industry in the U.S.**



Monday, December 7, 2015

DeVos Place Convention Center and the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel
187 Monroe Avenue NW, Grand Rapids 49503

Session 1. Overview of Vegetable Grafting Today

Moderator: Frank Louws, North Carolina State University

- 8:30am-8:45am** **Welcome** - Frank Louws, North Carolina State University
- 8:45am-9:15am** **Overview of vegetable grafting in the U.S.** - Chieri Kubota, University of Arizona
- 9:15am-9:45am** **Current status of vegetable grafting in Mediterranean basin** - Amnon Koren, Hishtil

Break and Poster/Exhibit Viewing

9:45am-10:00am **Poster presentations** - U.S. research programs, seed companies and suppliers, international programs and companies (refreshments served)

Session 2. Propagation for Grafting

Moderator: Erin Roskopf, USDA-ARS

- 10:00am-10:30am** **TBA** - Plug Connection
- 10:30am-11:00am** **The importance of rootstock and scion virus resistance compatibility for vegetable grafting** - Erin Roskopf, USDA-ARS
- 11:00am-11:30am** **Overview of propagation technology developments** - Richard Hassell, Clemson University
- 11:30pm-12:00pm** **Propagation Panel:** Erin Roskopf, USDA-ARS (moderator); TriEst representative; Amnon Koren, Hishtil; Plug Connection representative; Richard Hassell, Clemson University; Chieri Kubota, University of Arizona

Lunch and Poster/Exhibit Viewing

12:00pm-1:00pm **All participants** (included in registration)

Session 3. Grafting Production Systems

Moderator: Matthew Kleinhenz, Ohio State University

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- 1:00pm-1:30pm** **Watermelon: past, present and future trends in the U.S. market** - Dean Liere, Syngenta
- 1:30pm-2:00pm** **9 years of grafted tomato production under high tunnels** - Kaitlin Dye, Cedar Meadow Farm
- 2:00pm-2:30pm** **Will grafted vegetables save my farm? This farmer thinks he has an answer** - Alan Schreiber, Schreiber and Sons Farm
- 2:30pm-3:00pm** **Commercial production of grafted watermelon in Guatemala** - Samuel Alberto Hernandez Cardona, Agrocap, S.A.
- 3:00pm-3:30pm** **Production Systems Panel:** Josh Freeman, University of Florida (moderator); Dean Liere, Syngenta; Ronen Notkin, Martori Farms; Samuel Alberto Hernandez Cardona, Agrocap, S.A.; Kaitlin Dye, Cedar Meadow Farm; Alan Schreiber, Schreiber and Sons Farm

Break and Poster/Exhibit Viewing

- 3:30pm-4:00pm** **Poster presentations** - U.S. research programs, seed companies and suppliers, international programs and companies (refreshments served)

Advisory Meeting for the USDA-SCRI Vegetable Grafting Project

4:00pm-6:00pm

****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.

These session will give you a chance to talk with researchers, seed and breeding companies as well as other industry representatives that are working collaboratively to develop vegetable grafting technology in the United States. The posters will feature information related to the propagation and utilization of grafted vegetables for various production systems. Grab a cup of coffee and talk to the folks who are working in this emerging area.

The symposium is proudly being held in conjunction with the Great Lakes Fruit, Vegetable and Farm Market Expo on December 8-10, 2015 at the DeVos Place Convention Center and the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

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