



April 18, 2017

7:30 a.m. Breakfast, *Sponsored by Triest Ag Group*

9:00 a.m. Presidents Welcome and Opening Remarks, *Lance Ham*

9:10 a.m. Executive Directors Remarks, *Kenneth Parker*

9:15 a.m. H2A Labor Panel Discussion, *Christine Synan, FFVA Labor Relations Supervisor, Steve Johnson, Sabel Logistics, President, Kim Stickles, Florida Pacific Farms*

9:55 a.m. H2A and coordinating with Mexico- *Mtra. Karla Quintero Diaz, Deputy Director General Coordination Agency, Coordinating National Employment Service.*

10:15 a.m. Break *Sponsored by Tradewinds Power Corporation, and Trade Show*

11:00 a.m. Managing spider mites, chilli thrips and seed bugs in Florida strawberries. *Dr. Justin Renekma, Entomology, GCREC.*

11:20 a.m. Why my herbicides won't work. *Dr. Nathan Boyd, Weed Science, GCREC.*

11:40 a.m. Lunch *Sponsored by Kennco Manufacturing, and Trade Show*

1:00 p.m. Recent research findings on crown diseases: *Macrophomina, Colletotrichum, and Phytophthora. Dr. Natalia Peres, Plant Pathology, GCREC.*

1:20 p.m. 'Florida Beauty' and Beyond: New Varieties in the Pipeline. *Dr. Vance Whitaker, Strawberry Breeding, GCREC.*

1:40 p.m. Fighting diseases in Florida strawberry through advanced breeding technology. *Dr. Seonghee Lee, Strawberry Breeding, GCREC.*

2:00 p.m. Postharvest quality of strawberries 12.121-5 'Florida Beauty' and 13.26-134. *Dr. Cecilia Nunes, Food Quality, USF.*

2:20 p.m. Housing application process and any changes in housing- *Patrick Rodriguez, Environmental Specialist II, Florida Dept. of Health*

2:30 p.m. Wrap up and adjourn



April 19, 2017

7:30 a.m. Breakfast, *Sponsored by Triest Ag Group*

8:40 a.m. Presidents Welcome, *Lance Ham*

8:50 a.m. Nematodes, Diseases, and New Integrated Management Strategies. *Dr. Joe Noling, Nematology, CREC.*

9:10 a.m. Introduction of potentially damaging nematodes in Florida strawberry fields with transplant material. *Dr. Johan Desaeger, Nematology, GCREC.*

9:30 a.m. Weed management: Challenges and Opportunities in Strawberry. *Dr. Nathan Boyd, Weed Science, GCREC.*

9:50 a.m. H2A guest workers versus domestic migrant workers: Issues and growers' choices. *Dr. Zhengfei Guan, Food and Resource Economy, GCREC.*

10:10 a.m. Break and Trade Show

10:45 a.m. Disease Highlights of the 2016-17 Strawberry Season. *Dr. Jim Mertely, Plant Pathology, GCREC.*

11:05 a.m. Recent research findings on foliar/fruit diseases: anthracnose, Botrytis and powdery mildew. *Dr. Natalia Peres, Plant Pathology, GCREC.*

11:25 a.m. The Southwest Florida Water Management District's FARMS Best Management Practice Cost Share Program. *Chris Zajac and Gene Altman, SWFWMD.*

11:45 a.m. Lunch *Sponsored by Patterson Companies*, and Trade Show

1:00 p.m. Multi-colored plastic mulch: A new plastic mulch to improve earliness and total yield of strawberry. *Horticulture, GCREC.*

1:20 p.m. FSMA Basics for the Florida strawberry grower: What to do and when to be ready. *Travis Chapin, State Extension Food Science agent, IFAS.*

1:35 p.m. CORE the "Cowboy Way". *Alicia Whidden, Hillsborough County Extension Service.*

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