

# BLUEBERRY Conference

*All activities at the Savannah International Trade and Convention Center (SITCC) unless otherwise noted.*

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2007

- 8:00 - 5:00 pm **EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION OPEN - SITCC**  
Exhibitor Set-Up AND Poster Set-Up
- 2:00 pm **GFVGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
SITCC
- 4:00 pm **GFVGA ANNUAL MEETING**  
SITCC

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2007

- 7:00 - 5:00 pm **ATTENDEE REGISTRATION OPEN**  
Convention Center Concourse
- 7:00 - 10:00 am **EXHIBITOR MOVE IN**  
Exhibitors must be in place by 9:00 am
- 8:00 - 9:30 am **ORGANIC SESSION I**  
**ORGANIC BLUEBERRY PRODUCTION:**  
**ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT**  
**FERTILITY, WEED MANAGEMENT AND PEST**  
**CONTROL**  
Please see page 13.
- 10:00 - 6:00 pm **TRADE SHOW OPEN**
- 12:00 - 1:30 pm **LUNCH** in the Trade Show  
(Lunch provided for Three Day and Friday Only Registrants)
- 1:30 - 5:00 pm **EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS**  
Moderator: Mr. Elvin Andrews,  
Clinch / Lanier County Extension Coordinator
- 1:30 pm **New UGA Soil Test Recommendations for**  
**Rabbiteye and Southern Highbush**  
**Blueberries**  
Dr. David Kissel, UGA Soil Test Lab, Athens, GA
- 1:50 pm **Fertigation, Materials and**  
**Recommendations for Blueberries**  
Dr. Gerard Krewer and Mr. James Jacobs, UGA,  
Tifton and Waycross, GA

- 2:10 pm **Use of Phosphite Fungicides for Control of**  
**Blueberry Root Rot Diseases in Georgia**  
Dr. Phil Brannen and Dr. D. Scott NeSmith, UGA,  
Athens and Griffin, GA

- 2:30 pm **Blueberry Freeze Weather and What To Do**  
**About It**  
Dr. Paul Lyrene, UFL, Gainesville, FL

- 2:50 pm **BREAK - Trade Show Open**

- 3:10 pm **Factors That Effect Fruit Set**  
Dr. D. Scott NeSmith, UGA, Griffin, GA

- 3:40 pm **Controlling Vines in Blueberries**  
Dr. Mark Czarnota, UGA, Griffin, GA

- 4:00 pm **Identifying Various Leaf Spots on**  
**Southeastern Blueberries**  
Dr. Harald Scherm, UGA, Athens, GA

- 4:20 pm **Experiences with Mulching Blueberries in**  
**Tennessee**  
Dr. David Lockwood, UT, Knoxville, TN

- 4:45 pm **WELCOME RECEPTION - TRADE SHOW AREA**  
(Open to all registered attendees)

- 5:45 pm **LIVE AUCTION IN EXHIBIT HALL**

- 6:00 pm **TRADE SHOW CLOSES**

- Evening **DINNER ON YOUR OWN**

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2007

- 7:00 - 2:30 pm **REGISTRATION OPEN**  
Convention Center Concourse

- 7:45 am **EGGS AND ISSUES - LEGISLATIVE**  
**BREAKFAST**  
(ticketed event)

- 9:00 am **GENERAL SESSION** – Oglethorpe Auditorium  
Invited speakers include Georgia's Congressional  
Delegation

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- 10:00 am **SPOUSE PROGRAM**
- 10:30 - 2:00 pm **TRADE SHOW OPEN**
- 12:00 - 1:30 pm **LUNCH** in the Trade Show  
(Lunch provided for Three Day and Saturday Only Registrants)
- 1:15 pm **Business Meeting of Georgia Blueberry Growers Association**  
Mr. Joe Cornelius, President, Manor, GA
- 2:00 pm **SILENT AUCTION CLOSES**
- 2:30 pm **TRADE SHOW CLOSES**
- 1:00 - 5:00 pm **EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS**  
Moderator: Mr. Danny Stanaland, UGA Bacon Co. Ext. Director, Alma, GA
- 1:30 pm **Evaluation of USDA Blueberry Insurance Program and Listening Session for Grower Input**  
Mr. Thomas Earley, Promar International, Alexandria, VA
- 2:00 pm **Pruning Rabbiteye and Highbush Blueberries**  
Speaker to be announced.
- 2:40 pm **Highbush Blueberry Varieties from the University of Florida**  
Dr. Paul Lyrene, UFL, Gainesville, FL
- 3:00 pm **Thrips and Gall Midges**  
Dr. Blair Sampson, USDA, Poplarville, MS
- 3:30 pm **BREAK**
- 3:50 pm **Flea Beetles and Their Control**  
Dr. Oscar Liburd, UFL, Gainesville, GA
- 4:10 pm **New Rabbiteye Blueberry Budget**  
Dr. Greg Fonsah, UGA, Tifton, GA

- 4:20 pm **Update on Blueberry Equipment A and B Packaging**, Mr. Bob Williamson, Harford, MI;  
**BEI**, Mr. Bernie Newton, South Haven, MI;  
**BBC Technologies**, Mr. Butch Greiffendorf, South Haven, MI;  
**Littau Harvester and Weeco**, Mr. Norm Johnson, Stayton, OR;  
**McKibben Mfg.**, Mr. Jeff McKibben, Grand Junction, MI;  
**OXBU (Korvan) International Corp.**, Speaker TBA, Lynden, WA;  
**Rem Pacific**, Mr. Ian Mintz, Bow, WA

- 6:00 pm **RECEPTION** - Westin Savannah Harbor  
(open to all attendees)
- 6:30-7:00 pm **Raffle Drawings held at RECEPTION**
- Evening **DINNER ON YOUR OWN**

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2007

- 8:00 - 8:30 am **WORSHIP SERVICE**  
Westin Savannah Harbor
- 8:30 am **INDUSTRY ROUNDTABLE** - (all associations)  
Westin Savannah Harbor  
Continental breakfast with fellow growers to discuss industry issues
- 10:30 am **CONVENTION ADJOURNS**  
**HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME!**