

# WATERMELON Conference

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

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2007

- 8:00 - 5:00 pm **EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION OPEN - SITCC**  
Exhibitor Set-Up  
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 9:00am
- 10:00 - 6:00 pm **TRADE SHOW OPEN**
- 10:00 - 11:00 am **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**
- 10:00 - 11:00 am **EDUCATIONAL SESSION**  
**PESTICIDE UPDATE AND LABEL CHANGES**  
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- 10:00 - 11:00 am **EDUCATIONAL SESSION**  
**EXPANDING MARKETS AND MARKET TRENDS**  
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- 12:00 - 1:30 pm **LUNCH** in the Trade Show  
(Lunch provided for Three Day and Friday Only Registrants)
- 1:30 - 3:00 pm **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**
- 1:30 - 3:00 pm **EDUCATIONAL SESSION**  
**DIAMONDBACKS, WHITEFLIES, TOMATO SPOTTED WILT AND OTHER INSECT ISSUES**  
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- 1:30 - 3:00 pm **EDUCATIONAL SESSION**  
**WEED MANAGEMENT I**  
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- 1:30 - 3:00 pm **EDUCATIONAL SESSION**  
**NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN WATERMELON PRODUCTION**
- 1:30 pm **Using Grafted Transplants in Watermelon Production**  
Dr. Warren Roberts, Oklahoma State University, Lane, OK
- 2:00 pm **Pollenizers for Seedless Watermelons**  
Mr. Gilbert Miller, Clemson University, Blackville, SC
- 2:30 pm **Field Mapping *Phytophthora capsici* in Watermelons Utilizing GPS Technology**  
Mr. Glen Beard, University of Georgia, Moultrie, GA;  
Calvin D. Perry, University of Georgia, Tifton, GA
- 3:30 - 5:00 pm **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**
- 3:30 - 5:00 pm **EDUCATIONAL SESSION**  
**WEED MANAGEMENT II**  
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- 3:30 - 5:00 pm **EDUCATIONAL SESSION**  
**PRODUCTION ISSUES**  
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- 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
- 10:00 am **SPOUSE PROGRAM**
- 10:30 - 2:30 pm **TRADE SHOW OPEN**
- 12:00 - 1:30 pm **LUNCH** in the Trade Show  
(Lunch provided for Three Day and Saturday Only Registrants)

- 2:00 pm            **SILENT AUCTION CLOSES**
- 2:00 - 3:30 pm    **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**
- 2:00 - 3:30 pm    **EDUCATIONAL SESSION**  
**WATERMELON DISEASE ISSUES AND ANSWERS**
- 2:00 pm        **Fusarium Wilt in Seedless Watermelons**  
Dr. Benny Bruton, U.S. Department of Agriculture,  
Lane, OK
- 2:30 pm        **Fusarium Wilt in Seedless Watermelons**  
Dr. Kate Everts, University of Maryland,  
College Park, MD
- 3:00 pm        **Watermelon Fruit Blotch**  
Dr. David B. Langston Jr., University of Georgia,  
Tifton, GA
- 2:00 - 3:30 pm    **EDUCATIONAL SESSION**  
**LIFE WITHOUT METHYL BROMIDE**  
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- 2:30 pm            **TRADE SHOW CLOSES**
- 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 - labor, water, FQPA, EPA, marketing,  
etc.
- 10:30 am           **CONVENTION ADJOURNS**
- HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME!**