

# FOOD SAFETY Conference

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

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2009

- 8:00 - 5:00 p.m. **EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION OPEN**  
Riverview Concourse  
Exhibitor and Poster Set-Up
- 1:30 p.m. **GFVGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**SITCC**
- 4:00 p.m. **GFVGA ANNUAL MEETING - SITCC**

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2009

- 7:00 - 5:00 p.m. **ATTENDEE REGISTRATION OPEN**  
Riverview Concourse
- 7:00 - 10:00 a.m. **EXHIBITOR MOVE IN**  
Exhibitors must be in place by 9:00 a.m.
- 9:00 - 10:45 a.m. **EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS**
- 9:05 a.m. **Food Safety GAP Overview**  
Beth Bland, GAP Coordinator, GFVGA, LaGrange, GA
- 9:35 a.m. **How to Prepare for an Audit**  
Beth Bland, GAP Coordinator, GFVGA, LaGrange, GA
- 9:50 a.m. **What is Global GAP and How is it Different?**  
Trevor Suslow, University of California, Davis, CA
- 10:15 a.m. **Microbiological and Environmental Testing on the Farm and in the Packing Facility**  
Trevor Suslow, University of California, Davis, CA
- 10:00 - 6:00 p.m. **TRADE SHOW OPEN**
- 11:00-12:00 p.m. **FOOD SAFETY FORUM - Auditorium**
- 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. **LUNCH in the Trade Show**  
(Lunch provided for Three Day and Friday Only Registrants)
- 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. **EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS**
- 1:30 p.m. **WATER: New Microbial Regulations, Irrigation, and Testing with OVP**  
Dr. Bill Hurst, University of Georgia, Athens, GA
- 2:00 p.m. **Produce Traceability Initiative**  
Tom Stenzel, President, United Fresh Produce Association, Washington, DC
- 2:30 p.m. **What Are YOUR Retail Customers Doing About Food Safety and What Do They Require From You?**  
Speaker to be announced

- 3:00 p.m. **Commodity Specific Guidelines: Tomatoes, Leafy Greens, Melons**  
Panel Discussion

- 3:55 p.m. **Tomato Crisis – What Happened and How to Prevent It?**  
Dr. David Gombas, Sr., VP Food Safety and Technology, Washington, DC

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

- 5:45 p.m. **LIVE AUCTION IN EXHIBIT HALL**

- 6:00 p.m. **TRADE SHOW CLOSES**

- Evening **DINNER ON YOUR OWN**

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2009

- 8:30 - 2:30 p.m. **REGISTRATION OPEN**  
Riverview Concourse
- 9:00 a.m. **GENERAL SESSION – Auditorium**  
Awards Presentation and Keynote Address by Congressman Jack Kingston
- 10:00 a.m. **SPOUSE PROGRAM**
- 10:30 - 2:30 p.m. **TRADE SHOW OPEN**
- 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. **LUNCH in the Trade Show**  
(Lunch provided for Three Day and Saturday Only Registrants)
- 2:00 p.m. **SILENT AUCTION CLOSES**
- 2:30 p.m. **TRADE SHOW CLOSES**
- 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. **EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS**  
*Review other Conference Agendas for additional educational sessions that you don't want to miss.*
- 6:00 p.m. **RECEPTION - Westin Savannah Harbor**  
(open to all attendees)
- 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. **Raffle Drawings held at RECEPTION**
- Evening **DINNER ON YOUR OWN**

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2009

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