

WATERMELON Conference

All Activities at the Savannah International Trade & 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.
- 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**
- 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. **EDUCATIONAL SESSION I**
NEW LABELS AND NEW USES IN PESTICIDES
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- 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. **EDUCATIONAL SESSION II**
THE SALMONELLA CRISIS OF 2008 - CONSEQUENCES AND MANGEMENT
Please see page 10
- 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**
- 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. **EDUCATIONAL SESSION III**
FERTILIZER SOURCES, RATES AND RISING COSTS
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- 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. **EDUCATIONAL SESSION IV**
ENGINEERING EFFICIENCY TO IMPROVE PROFITS
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- 9:50 - 11:00 a.m. **ORGANIC SESSION II**
THE EXPANDING BENEFITS OF ORGANIC FOOD AND FARMING
Please see page 13
- 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. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

- 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. **EDUCATIONAL SESSION V**
WATERMELON UPDATES AND ISSUES
- 1:30 p.m. **Gummy Stem Blight and Powdery Mildew in Watermelons**
Dr. David B. Langston, Jr., University of Georgia, Tifton, GA
- 2:00 p.m. **Watermelon Vine Decline**
Dr. Scott Atkins, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
- 2:30 p.m. **Watermelon Variety Performance and Grafted Melon Update**
Dr. Jonathan Schultheis, North Carolina University, Raleigh, NC
- 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. **EDUCATIONAL SESSION VI**
TOMATO SPOTTED WILT VIRUS AND THRIPS RESEARCH
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- 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. **ORGANIC SESSION III**
ESTABLISHING AN ORGANIC VEGETABLE ENTERPRISE ON YOUR FARM - CHALLENGES AND PROBLEM SOLVING
Please see page 13
- 3:15 - 4:45 p.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**
- 3:15 - 3:45 p.m. **EDUCATIONAL SESSION VII**
VEGETABLE DISEASE MANAGEMENT
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- 3:15 - 3:45 p.m. **EDUCATIONAL SESSION VIII**
HANDLING THE MEDIA DURING CRISIS
Please see page 11
- 3:15- 4:45 p.m. **ORGANIC SESSION IV**
CONNECTING FARMERS TO LOCAL FOOD SYSTEMS
Please see page 13
- 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**

Please review other Conference Agendas for additional educational sessions, trade show events, spouse activities and entertainment opportunities during the Friday, Saturday and Sunday programs that you don't want to miss.