



Ontario Berry Growers Association – Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Convention Berry Program

Tuesday, February 21, 2017 – Embassy Suites, Niagara Falls

9:00 am	Introduction and Welcome	
9:10 am	Berry Production and Marketing on our Farm - Grower Profile	Jenn and Dave VanDeVelde, Wholesome Pickins, Delhi, Ont.
10:00 am	Fruit Tracker – a New Tool for Berry Growers	Matt Deir, Dragonfly Information Technology
10:45 am	Labour Efficiencies for Horticulture	John Van de Vegte, OMAFRA
11:15 pm	Farm Labour update - Hot topics and Upcoming Issues	Ken Linington, Labour Issues Coordinating Committee
11:45 am	OBGA Price Survey	Kevin Schooley
12:00	Marketing Board Update	Jenn VanDeVelde
12:15	Annual Meeting	
1:45 pm	Hot New Crops	Evan Elford, OMAFRA
	Marketing Track- Chairperson, Erica Pate, Farm Marketing Specialist, OMAFRA	Production Track –
2:00 pm	Consumer Motivation Survey results- Kelly Ward, Foodland Ontario	Thrips control in strawberry – Insecticides and biocontrol methods – Justin Renkema, Gulf Coast Research and Education Center, University of Florida
2:30 pm	Food Bloggers – get them working for you – Ted Willey, Norfolk County	<i>Monitoring Soil Moisture – How to avoid the “Too little Too Late” approach to irrigation – Rebecca Shortt, OMAFRA</i>
3:00 pm	Staging and presenting your product - panel – Erin McLean, Luke Charbonneau, Kely McKay	Does your sprayer need a nozzelectomy? – A case study in strawberry- Jason Deveau, OMAFRA
3:45 pm	Round tables	
	1. Evan Elford	Hot new crops
	2. Ken Linington	Farm labour updates – Q and A
	3. Marketing Round Table- how to run an effective PYO operation	
5:00 pm	Adjourn	
7:30 pm	OBGA social time and refreshments	



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Wednesday, February 22, 2017 – Scotiabank Convention Center, Niagara Falls

9:25 am	Introduction and Welcome	
9:30 am	Substrate and Environmental Factors on Greenhouse Strawberry Production	Toktam Taghavi, University of Guelph
10:00 am	Approaches to Soil Incorporated Amendments for Berry Crops	Deanna Németh, OMAFRA
10:30 am	Sustainable Soil Management for Berry Growers	Amanda McWhirt, University of Arkansas
11:00 am	Post Harvest Strategies for Berry Crops	Randy Beaudry , Michigan State University
12:00 - 2:00	Lunch and Visit the Trade Show	
2:00 pm	Chateau Herbicide for Berry Crops - using it safely	Maria Dombrowsky, Nufarm
2:30 pm	Management of Two Spotted Spider and Cyclamen Mites in Strawberry	Justin Renkema , Gulf Coast Research and Education Center, University of Florida
3:00 pm	Validating an Anthracnose Fruit Rot Forecasting Tool for Strawberry Grower in Ontario: What We Learned In 2016	Michael Celetti, OMAFRA
3:30 pm	Fitting Habitat for Pollinators and Beneficial Insects into your Farmscape	Susan Chan, Native Pollinator Program, Farms at Work
4:00 -5:00	New Varieties – panel Sandra Carther, Carther Plants; Adam Dale, University of Guelph; Nate Nourse, Nourse Farms; Frederic Laforge, Luc Lareault Nursery	Chaired by OMAFRA berry crop specialist