# **Missouri Tomato Conference**

#### Thursday & Friday, June 28 & 29, 2018

Jackson, Missouri

Tomatoes are Missouri's biggest selling specialty crop but they can be a challenging crop to grow successfully. Whether you grow in the field or under cover, you won't want to miss this conference featuring nationally known experts, as well as regional experts and local successful tomato farmers.





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At the Cape Girardeau County Extension Center 684 Jackson Trail, Jackson, MO Registration fee of \$30 covers one lunch and all activities. See back page for details.

## Thursday, June 28

#### Registration – 8 to 8:45 am

8:45-Welcome

- 9:00 am 10:00 Successful Tomato Production with Plasticulture Joe Kemble
- 10:00 11:00 White flies and other troublesome insects Rick Snyder
- 11 Noon Top Tomato Diseases and Management Joe Kemble
- Noon 1:00 pm Lunch **Eat with an Expert** Join one of the presenters for a discussion during lunch
- 1:00 3:00 pm Concurrent Sessions
- Track 1: Field Tomatoes -

Farmer presentation - Rick Bollinger of Lukey Pickin's Farm

Tips on managing irrigation—David Middleton

How to Build a Caterpillar Tunnel—Shon Bishop

**Track 2: Greenhouse and High Tunnel tomatoes** 

Farmer presentation – Rennie Phillips of Sandhill's Farm

Humidity Control – Rick Snyder

Issues with heaters in a greenhouse—Rick Snyder

- 3:30 4:30 Dicamba on specialty crops Sarah Denkler
- 4:30 5:30 Keeping 'Em Fresh—Optimizing Shelf Life for Your Tomatoes Joe Kemble

## Friday, June 29

8:30 am - 12:30 - Farm tours and on-farm demonstrations led by our presenters & other experts at two area farms with field & protected tomato crops

• All presentations subject to change.

# Presenters



**Dr. Rick Snyder, Mississippi State University** – Dr. Snyder is Extension/Research Professor at the Central Mississippi Research and Extension Center, Crystal Springs, MS. His areas of specialty include greenhouse tomatoes and other vegetables, field vegetables, and mushrooms. Dr. Snyder hosts the well-known Mississippi Greenhouse Tomato Shortcourse, now in its 28<sup>th</sup> year, and is a highly sought speaker on all aspects of greenhouse tomato production.

**Dr. Joe Kemble, Auburn University** - Dr. Kemble is Extension Vegetable Specialist & Professor at Auburn University, AL. He is the senior editor of the annual Vegetable Crop



Handbook for the Southeastern US, and works extensively with all aspects of tomato production. His educational background includes degrees from University of Delaware and North Carolina State University. Dr. Kemble's research program focuses on use of cover crops and reduced tillage for vegetable production, nutrient manage ment, double cropping using plasticulture. His extension appointment includes work with farms of all sizes in solving production problems,

developing irrigation and fertigation schedules, improving cultural practices, designing irrigation systems, and encouraging vegetable growers to try new or different ideas and alternative vegetable crops through on-farm research and demonstrations.

**Patrick Byers** (far right) is Regional Horticulture Specialist with the Webster County office of University of Missouri Extension with extensive experience in field and protected tomato production.

**Shon Bishop** (near right) is a Small Farm Specialist for the Innovative Small Farmers Outreach Program (ISFOP) with extensive experience in high tunnel installation. He also is the lead extension specialist for the Year-Round Education Center.





**Robert Balek** (left) is a horticulture specialist with the Jasper County of University of Missouri Extension and works with tomato growers in Southwest Missouri.

**David Middleton** (right) grew up on a diversified grain and livestock farm near Laddonia, Missouri. He graduated from the University of Missouri with a B.S. and M.S. in Animal Science. David joined Lincoln University Cooperative Extension (LUCE) in 2014 as the Farm Outreach Worker (FOW) for Lawrence and Greene Counties.





**Sarah Denkler** (left) is a horticulture specialist with University of Missouri Extension in Southeast Missouri based out of Butler County. She works with commercial specialty growers in the region, including those that grow tomatoes.

**Registration Form**— Registration includes lunch on June 28 and all presentation hand outs & farm tours, & the Greenhouse Tomato Handbook by Dr. Snyder (1 per family or farm).

Mail with check made out to Webb City Farmers Market to :

University of Missouri Extension 684 Jackson Trail, PO Box 408 Jackson, MO 63755

To charge your registration on a card, 573-243-3581.

Name	Farm/Business Name
PO Box/street address	E-mail address
Town/State/Zip	Telephone
Additional person(s) attending:	
	Email or mailing address if different from above
Registration fees enclosed	( persons x \$30 each) \$
Dietary or other information:	Total enclosed: