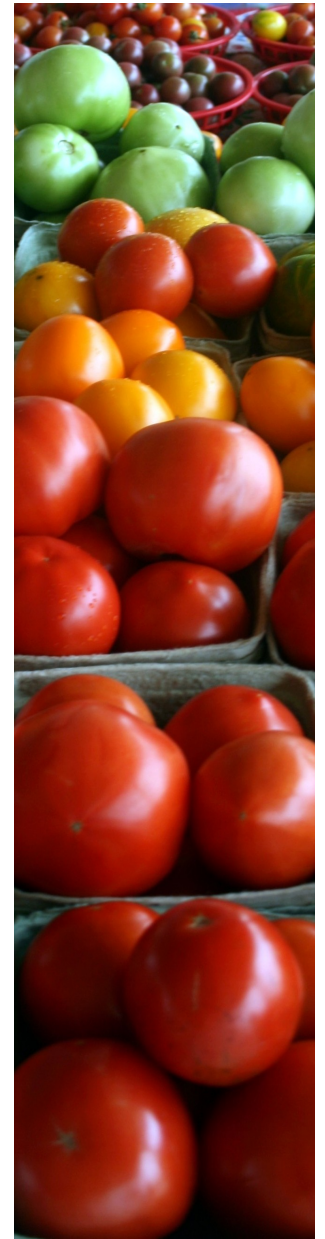


Missouri Tomato Conference

Thursday & Friday, May 20 & 21, 2021

Southwest Research Center, Mt Vernon, 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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Thursday will be in a socially distanced lecture format.

Registration begins at 8:30 am, the program begins at 9.

Friday will be a morning of farm visits—meeting locations TBA.

- *All presentations subject to change.*

Presenters

Dr. Rick Snyder, Mississippi State University – Dr. Snyder is Extension/Research Professor at the Truck Crops Experiment Station in Crystal Springs, MS. His educational background includes a B.S. from the University of Connecticut, an M.S. from Ohio State University, and Ph.D. from Cornell University, all in horticulture. His areas of specialty include commercial production of greenhouse tomatoes and other vegetables, as well field vegetables. He coordinates the very popular annual Fall Flower & Garden Fest at the experiment station, which draws 5,000 visitors each fall. Dr. Snyder hosts the well-known Mississippi Greenhouse Tomato Short Course, now in its 28th year, and is a highly sought speaker on all aspects of greenhouse tomato production. He has been a greenhouse columnist for American Vegetable Grower Magazine for 27 years, and also a monthly columnist for Mississippi Gardener Magazine.



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 management, 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 crops through on-farm research and demonstrations.



Patrick Byers (far right) is field specialist in horticulture 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 ISFO with extensive experience in high tunnel installation.



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



David Middleton grew up on a diversified grain and livestock farm near Laddonia, Missouri, and 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.



Kelly McGowan serves as a University of Missouri Extension Field Specialist in Horticulture. Areas of concentration include vegetable production and soil fertility. Kelly obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Horticulture from Missouri State University's Darr School of Agriculture. She received her Master of Science degree in Natural Resources and Agroforestry through the University of Missouri.



The Jesup Wagon 2.0 is a modern take on George Washington Carver's innovative Jesup Wagon which rolled out of Tuskegee Institute in 1906. Like the first Jesup Wagon, the 2.0 version is also a "moveable school" bringing the latest technology to farmers, this time back in Carver's birth state, Missouri.



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Registration Form— Registration includes The Greenhouse Tomato Handbook by Dr. Snyder, lunch on Thursday, all presentations and handouts, and farm tours on Friday. (One handbook per family or farm registered).

Mail with check made out to Webb City Farmers Market to : Webb City Farmers Market
PO Box 1
Webb City, MO 64870

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_____ 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

Fee(s): (\$30 x number of people attending) Total enclosed: \$_____

I would like my contact information, as well as that of the others I am registering included in a contact list provided to attendees _____yes _____no

Please share information with us about attendees you are registering.

I am a beginner tomato grower _____

I am an experienced tomato grower _____

I am an expert tomato grower _____

I am an educator _____

To ensure you get lunch, please let us know you're coming by May 15

Dietary or other information: