

Growing Blackberry Production and Sales in Missouri

2018 Blackberry Workshop Schedule:

April 25, 1:00-4:00pm
MU Southwest Research Center,
Mt Vernon.

April 26, 1:00-4:00pm
Farmington Community Library and area
blackberry farm, Farmington, MO.

June 27, 1:00-4:00pm
MU Southwest Research Center,
Mt Vernon.

Workshop registration is \$10 per attendee.

For registration information:

Webb City Farmers Market
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<http://www.webbcityfarmersmarket.com/grower-training.html>

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Blackberries offer huge potential for Missouri farmers. Production is straightforward, and blackberries are in high demand for many markets. The “Growing Blackberry Production and Sales in Missouri” project will offer educational sessions and tours of innovative blackberry farms. Join local and nationally known blackberry specialists and farmers to gain expertise on a wide range of blackberry topics, including:

- The blackberry rotating cross arm trellis
- Establishing new blackberry plantings
- Blackberry production practices
- Blackberry weed management, including recent advances
- Update on blackberry insect issues, including spotted wing drosophila, broad mite, and brown marmorated stink bug
- Creative marketing strategies for blackberries
- Processing blackberries into value-added products
- Blackberry growers profiles
- On-farm tours of innovative blackberry producers

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Blackberry harvest management, broad mite and spotted wing drosophila management, RCA trellis management. \$10 registration per attendee.



Organizing committee:

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