

January 7 Workshop #1

Pumpkin Workshop

10:00 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.

- 10:00 a.m. Introduction
Mohammad Babadoost, University of Illinois
- 10:05 a.m. Choosing Seeds for Pumpkin Production
Roger Rupp (Rupp Seed, Ohio)
- 10:45 a.m. Soil and Crop Management
Liz Maynard (Purdue University)
- 11:30 a.m. Pumpkin Varieties for Illinois
Alan Walters (Southern Illinois University)
- 12-1 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Weed Management in Pumpkin Fields
John Masiunas, University of Illinois
- 1:40 p.m. Management of Pumpkin Diseases
Mohammad Babadoost, University of Illinois
- 2:20 p.m. Insect Pest Management in Pumpkins
Rick Weinzierl, University of Illinois
- 2:50 p.m. Cover Crops for Pumpkin
Maurice Ogutu, University of Illinois
- 3:15 p.m. Break
- 3:30 p.m. Post-Harvest Management of Pumpkins
Mosbah Kushad (UIUC)
- 4:00 p.m. Agri-Tourism and Pumpkins
Vana LaCost, Vana's Pumpkinland, Kankakee
- 4:30 p.m. Marketing Pumpkins and Pumpkin Products
John Pike (UIUC)
- 5:00 p.m. Concluding Remarks
- 5:15 p.m. Adjourn

January 7 Workshop #2

Biocontrol in High Tunnels and Greenhouses

10:00 – 5:30 p.m.

- 10:00 a.m. Introduction
Rick Weinzierl, University of Illinois
- 10:10 a.m. Principles of Biological Control of Pest Organisms
Rick Weinzierl, University of Illinois
- 11:00 a.m. Common Arthropod Pests of Enclosed Cropping Systems
Daniel Warnock, University of Illinois
- 11:30 a.m. Common Plant Diseases in Enclosed Cropping Systems
Nancy Pataky, University of Illinois
- Noon Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Insect Scouting Methods, Equipment, and Supplies
Daniel Warnock, University of Illinois
- 1:40 p.m. “Most Likely to Succeed” Biological Control Organisms for Insect Management in Greenhouses and High Tunnels
Raymond Cloyd, Kansas State University
- 2:20 p.m. Incorporation of Biological Agents in Plant Disease Management
Janna Beckerman, Purdue University
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 p.m. Making Biological Control Work in University of Illinois Greenhouses
Heather Lash and Kelly Allsup, University of Illinois
- 4:15 p.m. Suppliers of Biological Control Organisms
Raymond Cloyd, Kansas State University
- 4:45 p.m. My Experiences with Small-Scale High Tunnels
John Preece, Southern Illinois University
- 5:30 p.m. Adjourn

January 7 Workshop #3

Federal Grantwriting Basics

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Presenter: Margaret Krome

Michael Fields Agricultural Institute, Madison, WI

With today's tight budgets, we need to do everything we can to make the most of existing agricultural resources. You may need extra funding support for farming, conservation, community development, or entrepreneurial work. This workshop will help you get the most out of a variety of federal funding programs.

Margaret will walk you through a guide put together by federal agencies that covers program resources in value-added and diversified agriculture and forestry; sustainable land management; and community development. You'll also get details on each program, including purpose and restrictions, relevant examples, and application and contact information. You'll walk away with a free copy of the guide, as well as other valuable handouts and ideas.