Friday morning, January 23, 2009

Opening Session:

8:00 – 9:30 **Good Agricultural Practices Are Good Business** – Elizabeth "Betsy" Bihn, National GAPs Program Coordinator, Cornell University

9:30 – 10:00 Break to the Trade Show

Session I: Berry Session

10:00 – 10:30 Annual Strawberry Production Update – Steve Poppe & Emily Tepe, University of Minnesota
10:30 – 11:00 Small Fruit Marketing – Canadian Style
11:00 – 11:30 The State Water Use Permit Program – Joe Richter, DNR Water
11:30 – 12:00 Small Fruit Variety Updates – Dr. Jim Luby, University of Minnesota – Dept. of Horticultural Science

Session II: Asparagus – Advanced Production

10:00 – 10:30 Diseases and Hidden Costs – Michelle Grabowski, University of Minnesota Extension
10:30 – 11:00 Developing a Fertility Plan – Peter Bierman, University of Minnesota – Dept. of Soil, Water & Climate
11:00 – 11:30 Tillage Management Options in Highly Productive Operations – Terry Nennich, University of Minnesota Extension
11:30 – 12:00 Keeping Your Production Fields Weed-Free – Dr. Bernard Zandstra, Michigan State University

Session III: Specialty Crops

10:00 – 10:45 Minor Root Crops and Health Benefits – Veronica Justen, University of Minnesota
10:45 – 11:15 Garlic Update – Dr. Carl Rosen, University of Minnesota – Dept. of Soil, Water & Climate
11:15 – 12:00 Critter Control and Alternative Fencing – Kathleen Koelbl-Crews, Minnesota DNR

Session IV: Apple Session

9:45 – 10:15 Year in Review – Grower Participation
10:15 – 10:45 Abandoned Orchards – Dr. Thaddeus McCamant, Northland Community & Technical College
10:45 – 11:30 Black Rot and Other Minor Diseases of Apple – Michelle Grabowski, University of Minnesota Extension
11:30 – 12:00 Secondary and Minor Pests in Apples – Dr. Thaddeus McCamant, Northland Community & Technical College

12:00 – 1:15 Lunch in the Trade Show Area

Note: As far as we know, this educational program will be presented as printed. However, there may be some changes. If you have any questions, call the MFVGA office at 763-434-0400. Program updates can also be found on the MFVGA website at www.mfvga.org.

Friday afternoon, January 23, 2009

Session I: Developing Local Markets

1:15 – 1:45 What Is Local?
1:45 – 2:45 Wholesale Markets – Panel of buyers and producers
2:45 – 3:00 Break
3:00 – 4:00 Insurance, Formal Agreements & Getting Paid – Jennifer Jambor, Farmers Legal Action Group
4:00 – 4:30 Pay-Per-Click Advertising: What is it and how can it benefit my farm? – Paul Hugunin Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Session II: Pumpkins

1:15 – 1:45 Fertility Management Strategies – Peter Bierman, University of Minnesota – Dept. of Soil, Water & Climate
1:45 – 2:15 Odd Ball Varieties – Jason Williamson, Siegers Seed Company
2:15 – 2:45 Weed Control Options – Dr. Bernard Zandstra, Michigan State University
2:45 – 3:00 Break
3:00 – 3:30 Managing Powdery Mildew through Variety Selection – Terry Nennich, University of Minnesota Extension
3:30 – 4:00 Time to Irrigate? – Jerry Wright, University of Minnesota – WCROC
4:00 – 4:30 Economics of Pumpkin Production – Dr. Karl Foord, University of Minnesota Extension

Session III: Food Safety Audits

1:15 – 4:30 Introduction to Developing Your Own Food Safety Plan and Preparing for a Food Safety Audit – Michele Schermann, University of Minnesota and Harley Olinske, Jr., Minnesota Department of Agriculture

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TRADE SHOW HOURS:

Thursday – Jan. 22: 8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Friday – Jan. 23: 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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