Upper Midwest Regional Fruit & Vegetable Growers Conference
January 21 & 22, 2010

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The Minnesota Fruit & Vegetable Growers Association
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Wednesday evening, January 20, 2010

7:00 pm Understanding Purchase Behavior

Thursday morning, January 21, 2010

Opening Session

8:45 – 9:00	Welcome & Announcements
9:00 – 10:00	How Meteorology Affects Crops – Dr. Mark Seeley, University of Minnesota – Dept. of Soil, Water & Climate
10:00 – 10:30	Break to the Trade Show
10:30 – 11:15	Legislative Updates – Country of Origin Labeling, Farm Bill, Green Acres
11:15 – 12:00	Economic Trends – Grower Panel

Send your registration form in today for the Upper Midwest Regional Fruit and Vegetable Growers Conference.

Registrations received before December 31, 2009 qualify for the "Early Bird" Drawing – A gift certificate for a night at the Kelly Inn.

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TRADE SHOW HOURS:

Thursday – Jan. 21: 8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Friday – Jan. 22: 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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Thursday afternoon, January 21, 2010

Session I:	**Berry Session**
1:15 – 2:15	Year in Review – Grower Participation
2:15 – 3:00	Grower Profile
3:00 – 3:30	Break to the Trade Show
3:30 – 4:00	Impact of Strobilurin Fungicides – Kurt Spokas, Research Soil Scientist – USDA-ARS
4:00 – 4:30	Variety Trial Updates – Dr. Jim Luby, University of Minnesota – Dept. of Horticultural Science
Session II:	**Sweet Corn**
1:15 – 2:15	Grower Profile
2:15 – 3:00	Antibiotic Uptake in Composted Manure – Dr. Satish Gupta, University of Minnesota – Dept. of Soil, Water & Climate
3:00 – 3:30	Break to the Trade Show
3:30 – 4:00	Insect Management Trials in Sweet Corn in Virginia – Dr. Thomas Kuhar, Virginia Tech ESAREC – Dept. of Entomology
4:00 – 4:30	Managing Rust – Dr. Vince Fritz, University of Minnesota, Dept. of Horticultural Science
Session III:	**High Tunnel Production**
1:15 – 2:00	High Tunnel Soil Fertility Research – Dr. Carl Rosen, University of Minnesota – Dept. of Soil, Water & Climate
2:00 – 2:30	Overwintering Garlic Research – Terry Nennich, University of Minnesota Extension
2:30 – 3:00	Irrigation Concerns – Jerry Wright, University of Minnesota Extension
3:00 – 3:30	Break to the Trade Show
3:30 – 4:30	Small Fruit Research – Emily Tepe & Steve Poppe, University of Minnesota
Session IV:	**Tomatoes and Peppers**
1:15 – 2:15	Grafted Tomatoes for Organic Production – Dr. Bud Markhart, University of Minnesota – Dept. of Horticultural Science
2:15 – 3:00	Late Blight Epidemic of 2009 – What Happened in Minnesota? – Michelle Grabowski, University of Minnesota Extension
3:00 – 3:30	Break to the Trade Show
3:30 – 4:00	Great Lakes Heirloom Tomato Variety Trial – Dr. Charles Rohwer, University of Minnesota, Southern Research & Outreach Center
4:00 – 4:30	New Tomato & Pepper Varieties – Jason Williamson, Siegers Seed Company
Session V:	**Business and Marketing**
1:15 – 3:00	Intro to Business and Financial Management for Specialty Crop Growers – Minnesota Farm Business Management Instructor
3:00 – 3:30	Break to the Trade Show
3:30 – 4:30	Don Goodwin – Marketing Workshop
4:45	**MFVGA Business Meeting**
5:15	**Social Hour in the Trade Show Area**
6:30	**Minnesota Grown Banquet** Speaker: Don Goodwin – "Thriving in Agriculture During a Down Economy."