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Gulf Coast Fruit and Vegetable Meeting January 26, 2012

All Fruit and Vegetable growers are encouraged to attend. You will be able to renew your Mobile County Grower's Permits, pick up self-test packets for renewing your Private Pesticide Applicator License, and renew your membership in the Mobile County Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association.

Tentative Agenda

- 7:30am Registration
- 8:00 Welcome & Introduction to Market Maker Database - James Miles
- 8:15 FSA & NRCS Update—Amanda Ryan & Joyce Nicholas
- 8:30 Vegetable Insect Management & Trap Crops - Dr. Ayanava Majundar
- 9:10 Research Update and Introduction - Bryan Wilkins
- 9:20 Vegetable Industry Update - Jack Stuckey
- 9:30 TBA - Elina Coneva
- 10:10 Mobile County Fruit & Vegetable Grower's Association Business Mtg.
- 10:20 Break
- 10:30 Vegetable Disease Management - Ed Sikora
- 11:10 Asparagus - Joe Kemble
- 11:50 Chill hour supplementation and rootstock update - Bobby Boozer
- 12:30 Lunch

Check out our web-site
www.aces.edu



Regional Extension Agent III

Location: Jon Archer Agricultural Center, 1070 Schillinger Road North, Mobile (Large Auditorium)

Please call Diane Anthony at 251-574-8445 to RSVP.

Pruning Demonstration Various Fruit Crops, Roses & Ornamentals Thursday, February 16, 2012

This demonstration is open to any and all individuals with an interest in learning about the care and maintenance of fruit crops, roses & ornamentals.



Bring your pruning shears!

Hands on Learning
Will address tools and safety aspects of pruning

Where: Jon Archer Agricultural Center
1070 Schillinger Road North
Mobile, AL 36608

9:00 - 11:00 Various Fruit Crop Pruning - James Miles

11:00 - 1:00 Roses and Ornamental Pruning - Ellen Huckabay

Hot Links

Alabama Cooperative Extension System
<http://www.aces.edu/>

Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries
<http://agi-app.alabama.gov/>

Alabama F & V Growers Association
<http://www.aces.edu/departm/ent/associations/afvga/>

Alabama Nursery & Landscape Association
<http://www.alnla.org/>

Alabama Pecan Growers Association
<http://www.alabamapecangrowers.com/>

Chill Hour Totals
<http://www.aces.edu/dept/peaches/peachipm/mesonet/>

Commercial Vegetable Production
http://www.aces.edu/departm/ent/com_veg/

Evans Christmas Products and Grower Supplies
<http://www.evanschristmas.com/evansc/Default.asp>

Alabama Fruit & Vegetable Growers Conference

Auburn University Hotel & Dixon Conference Center

Hot Links Continued

Extension Blueberries

<http://www.extension.org/blueberries>

Extension Fire Ants

<http://www.extension.org/fireants>

Farm Service Agency

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/stateofapp?mystate=al&area=home&subject=landing&topic=landing>

Greenhouse Tomato Handbook (MSU)

<http://msucares.com/pubs/publications/p1828.pdf>

IPM Communicator

Alabama Turfgrass Association
<http://www.alaturfgrass.org/>

Insect Trap Supplies

<http://www.alphascents.com/>

Irrigation Mart

<http://www.irrigation-mart.com/>

J & M Industries (Packaging supplies)

<http://www.jm-ind.com/>

Peach IPM

<http://www.aces.edu/dept/peaches/peachipm/index.html>

Small Fruit Production Guides

<http://www.smallfruits.org/SmallFruitsRegGuide/index.htm>

South Alabama Nursery Association

<http://southana.org/>

Location: Auburn University Hotel & Dixon Conference Center
241 S. College Street
Auburn University, AL

February 10

7:30 - 9:00 am

Registration in the lobby of the Ham Wilson Arena

February 11

8:00 - 9:00 am

On-site Registration

Conference hours Friday and Saturday are 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Make hotel reservations before January 20 for the nights of February 9 and 10 to receive reduced rates with the AFVGA block. **Booking code: 10S0LN - Booking phone number: 334-821-8200**

Conference topics will include:

Friday, February 10, 2012: High Tunnel Crop Experiences and Challenges, Irrigation Basics and Design, Soils and Soil Fertility, Use of Cover Crops, and hands-on workshops covering: Calibration of Sprayers, Soil Prep and Use of Plasticulture Equipment, Minimum Tillage for Vegetable Production, Irrigation Installation, and more.

Saturday, February 11, 2012: Farm Business Management, Marketing Using "Market Maker", Food Safety Basics, High Tunnel Tomato Production, Greenhouse Tomato Production, Soil Fumigation and Alternatives, Growing Pumpkins, Performance of New Peach and Apple Rootstocks, Experiences in Blueberry Establishment and Marketing, Satsuma Production and Research, Growing Hybrid Bunch Grapes, Hoop-House Insect Pest Management, Using Trap Crops for Pest Management, White-fly Management, Disease Management of Cucurbits, Managing Fire Ants and more.....

Pre-registration due by January 31, 2012, to have your meals included.

Pre-registration – \$60.00. Includes 2012 AFVGA membership fee, conference registration for one person, Friday night supper, Saturday lunch, & all breaks. Add \$30 for each additional conference attendee. (This also includes registration, Friday night supper, breaks and Saturday lunch.)

Pre-registered attendees may bring your family members to the Friday night supper! \$5 per extra ticket.

Registration received AFTER January 31 – \$60.00 for the first attendee and \$30 for each additional, which includes 2012 AFVGA membership fee but **does not include meals.** Meals will be on your own.

Alabama Fruit & Vegetable Growers Conference - February 10-11, 2012 Registration Form

Alabama Fruit & Vegetable Growers Conference
February 10-11, 2012

Registration Form

Names of conference attendees:

#1	_____	\$60.00	_____
#2	_____	\$30.00	_____
#3	_____	\$30.00	_____

Extra Friday night BBQ Tickets needed _____ Add \$5 for each extra ticket needed: _____
TOTAL: _____

**Please make checks payable to AFVGA and send registration form to:
AFVGA, P.O. Box 2081, Auburn, AL 36831-2081**

Farm/Company Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ County: _____

Phone number _____ Email address _____

If you wish to be on the AFVGA online Grower Locator please complete the following:

Type of operation- Ex: retail/U-pick _____ Crops offered: _____

Website _____

Directions to your farm _____

Hours of operation _____ Months of operation _____

More information if needed _____

Mobile County Outreach for Small Growers **Tuesday, February 7, 2012**

This is to increase your knowledge of key issues related to farming operations

**Growers interested in an educational opportunity are invited to join us.
Large or small, experienced or new growers!**

Where: Jon Archer Agricultural Center - Large Auditorium, 1070 Schillinger Road North, Mobile

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- 9:00 Welcome - Joyce Nicholas—District Conservationist
 - 9:10 Panel Introduction of Resources (NRCS, FSA, Forestry Commission, Gulf Coast RC&D and ACES)
 - 9:20 Get to Know Your Neighbor - Group Activity
 - 9:30 Site Selection, Soil Testing & Prep, Irrigation—James Miles, Commercial Horticulture Regional Extension Agent
 - 10:00 Break
 - 10:10 Forage Management and Livestock Nutrition—Anthony Wiggins, Animal Science & Forages Regional Extension Agent
 - 10:20 Financial Assistance with NRCS - Marshal Colburn, Soil Conservation Technician
 - 10:35 FSA Registration and Eligibility - Amanda Ryan, County Executive Director
 - 10:50 Planting Schedule, Crop Rotation & Variety Selection - James Miles, Commercial Horticulture Extension Agent
 - 11:30 Lunch

This meeting is free!!!!

Please call Diane Anthony at 251-574-8445 to RSVP.
RSVP is required!



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Chill Hours Update

Fairhope: 0 chill hour

**Semmes: 319 stand model:
90 modified Model**



Calendar of Events

January

26th Gulf Coast Fruit and Vegetable Meeting
7:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Jon Archer Ag. Center
1070 Schillinger Road North, Mobile, AL 36608

February

10th–11th Alabama Fruit and Vegetable Growers Conference
7:30 AM - Registration
Auburn University Hotel and Dixon Conference Center
241 S. College Street
Auburn University, AL

16th Pruning Demonstration
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Jon Archer Ag. Center
1070 Schillinger Road North, Mobile, AL 36608

28th Fruit and Vegetable Meeting
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
ALFA Building - Grove Hill

March

5th Fruit and Vegetable Meeting
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
USDA Service Center, 334 Agriculture Drive, Ste. 104
Monroeville

Farmer's Market and Vegetable Meeting
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Central Alabama Farmers Coop, 2519 US Hwy. 80 W,
Selma

15th Conecuh Vegetable Meeting
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
David L. Burt Ag Center
102 Liberty Street, Room 103
Evergreen, AL 36401

April

5th Grafting and Budding Workshop - Location TBA
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

9th Tomato Workshop
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Scott House, Hwy. 56
Chatom (1/2 mile past Washington County Infirmiry)

19th Organic Gardening
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
David L. Burt Ag Center
102 Liberty Street, Room 103
Evergreen, AL 36401