

North Carolina Blueberry Council
48th Annual Open House and Trade Show
in cooperation with North Carolina State University
January 14-15, 2014, Sampson Agri-Expo Center, Clinton, NC

Tuesday Morning

- 8:00 **Registration**
- 8:15 **Welcome & Announcements -- NCBC**
President Ralph Carter Jr.
- 8:30 **Spotted Wing Drosophila -- What We Learned in 2013 and Strategies for 2014**
Jesse Hardin, Entomology, NCSU
- 9:00 **New and Emerging Blueberry Diseases in the Southeastern US**
Phil Brannen, Plant Pathology, UGA
- 9:30 **Research on *Exobasidium* green spot in Georgia and North Carolina** – Phil Brannen, Plant Pathology, UGA, and Bill Cline, Plant Pathology, NCSU
- 10:00 **Weed Control Update --**
Katie Jennings, Horticultural Science, NCSU
- 10:30 **Transitions and New Beginnings: A Blueberry Breeding Update**
Maggie Schaber, Horticultural Science, NCSU
- 11:00 **How the Food Safety Modernization Act Will Affect You** – Eduardo Gutierrez-Rodriguez and Chris Gunter, Food, Bioprocessing and Nutrition Sciences
- 11:30 **Minimizing Food Safety Risks in Fresh-packed Blueberries** – Eduardo

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- 12:00 **Recognition of Sponsors**
- 12:15 **Legislative Update**
--Tommy Stevens, Stevens Lobby and Consulting, Inc.
- 12:30 **LUNCH**
- The Political Outlook for 2014** -- John Davis, Editor, John Davis Political Report

Tuesday Afternoon

1:00 - 4:30 **TRADE SHOW**

Wednesday Morning

- 8:30 – 9:30 **TRADE SHOW**
- 9:30 **Blueberry Cultivar Evaluations – What Will You Be Planting?** – Mike Mainland, Horticultural Science, and Bill Cline, Plant Pathology, NCSU
- 10:00 **Progress at the NCSU Horticultural Crops Research Station** – John Garner, Superintendent
- 10:15 **News from NABC and USHBC** – Neil Moore, Ivanhoe Blueberry Farms, President, NABC; Mike Mainland, Research Committee, USHBC
- 10:45 **NCBC business meeting and Assessment Vote**
President Ralph Carter Jr.
- 11:00 **Door Prizes and results of**

the Silent Auction

Wednesday Afternoon

- 1:00 - 3:00 **Pesticide safety training (Category “V”)**
Mark Seitz, Director, Pender County Extension Center; Michael Mitchell, Pesticide Inspector, NCDA

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