

2023 FBGA Fall Meeting and Short Course
Thursday, October 25, 2023
Bonnett Springs Park, Lakeland, FL

8:00 a.m. Visit Trade Show

9:00 a.m. Welcome

9:15 a.m. Blueberry Rust and Other Important Blueberry Leaf Diseases – **Dr. Phil Harmon, Professor**, Extension plant pathologist, Plant Pathology Department, IFAS, University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.

9:40 a.m. Summary of the 2023 Florida blueberry season - **Mr. Doug Phillips, Blueberry Extension Coordinator**, GCREC, IFAS, University of Florida, Wimauma, Fla.

10:05 a.m. Break – **Visit Trade Show**

10:35 a.m. Macro Report on Blueberry Markets – **David Magana, Rabo Bank VP-Senior Analyst**

11:20 a.m. Blueberry fertilization research update - **Dr. Gerardo Nunez, Assistant Professor**, plant physiology, Horticultural Sciences Department, IFAS, University of Florida. Gainesville, Fla.

11:45 a.m. FBGA Business Meeting - **Mr. Leonard Park, FBGA President** presiding.

12:00 p.m. **Lunch and Trade Show**

1:15 p.m. Blueberry pollination research update – **Dr. Rachel Mallinger, Assistant Professor**, pollinator ecology and conservation, IFAS, University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.

1:40 p.m. Panel discussion on E-Verify rules, H2A and other labor issues – **Ryan Atwood, Bobby Barben, Jack Green, Jr., Kyle Straughn**

2:25 p.m. U.S. Farm Bill and other federal legislation and regulation – **Mike Joyner**

2:55 p.m. Update on chilli thrips management trial – **Dr. Oscar Liburd, Professor**, Dept. of Entomology and Nematology, IFAS, University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla. [CONFIRMED]

3:20 p.m. Hydrogen Cyanamide research update – **Jeff Williamson (Professor) and Gerardo Nunez (Assistant Professor)**, Horticultural Sciences Department, IFAS, University of Florida. Gainesville, Fla.

3:45 p.m. Essential oils – Effective or Not? – **Dr. Warda Boukari, Post-doctoral Research Associate**, Department of Plant Pathology, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

4:00 p.m. Adjourn