

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, 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, plant physiologist, 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, pollinator ecology and conservationist, 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, president, Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association.

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.

3:20 p.m. Hydrogen Cyanamide research update – Jeff Williamson **Extension specialist**, and Gerardo Nunez, **plant physiologist**, 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, Fla.

4:00 p.m. Adjourn