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2023 Southeastern Apple Growers Annual Meeting

Sponsored by the North Carolina Apple Growers Association.
DoubleTree by Hilton Asheville-Biltmore
January 18-19, 2023

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

- 8-10 AM **Pesticide V Credit Training-Karen Blaedow**
- 9-10:30 AM **Registration, Coffee, Visit Exhibition Area**
- 10:30 AM **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Presiding – Mr. Harley Prewitt, President, NC Apple Growers Association
- 10:45 AM **2023 Herbicide Update**
Mr. Wayne Mitchem, Regional Orchard Floor Management Specialist, NCSU, Clemson and UGA
- 11:15 AM **The State of the US Apple Industry**
Mr. Jim Bair, USApple, President and CEO
- 11:45 AM **Industry Updates**
- 12:15 PM **Visit Exhibit Area; Box Lunch + Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon**
- 1:45 PM **Panel Discussion: What’s Happening on the H-2A Labor Front?**
Mr. Christopher Just, NC State Extension Area Agent-Farmworker Health and Safety Educator; Mr Roberto Rosales, NC State Extension Program Coordinator for Farmworkers Health and Safety; Mr. Jim Bair, President and CEO USApple; Mr. Greg Nix, Apple Wedge Packers; Mr. Wayne Mitchem, NC State University
- 2:30 PM **1-MCP Sachets: Understanding the Technology and Lessons Learned**
Mr. Leighton Rice, Rice Fruit Company
- 3 PM **Break**
- 3:30 PM **Apple powdery mildew: Fungicide choice and use considerations for effective management**
Mr. David Strickland, Section of Plant Pathology and Plant Microbe Biology, Cornell University
- 4 PM **2023 Food Safety Update**
Ms. Elena Rogers, Area Specialized Agent-Food Safety
- 4:45 PM **Adjournment**
- 6 PM **Networking Hour**
- 7 PM **Banquet**

Thursday, January 19, 2023

- 8 AM **Visit Exhibition Area, Networking, Coffee**
- 8:55AM **Welcome and Opening Remarks for Day 2**
- 9 AM **Progress on Putting out the Fire (Blight): Updates on our National SCRI Fire Blight Project**
Dr. Sara Villani. Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology, NC State University
- 9:30 AM **What is the value of mating disruption in the age of the brown marmorated stink bug?**
Dr. Jim Walgenbach. Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology, NC State University
- 10 AM **Break**
- 10:20 AM **New NC Apple Rootstock Trials Performance**
Dr. Mike Parker, Department of Horticultural Science, NC State University
- 10:50 AM **Pruning to a bud count: optimizing apple flower bud density and crop load in NC**
Dr. Tom Kon Department of Horticultural Science, NC State University
- 11:30 AM **Prepping apples for cider: A brief overview**
Ms. Christen Nix Kehoe and family, Apple Wedge Packers
- 12 PM **Boxed Lunch and Depart for Cidery Tour at Urban Orchard Cider**