

Agenda for the 2013 Emerging Pest Workshop

1:00-1:30 PM

Dr. David Ingram

MSU Plant Pathologist

Exobasidium and Mummy berry occurrence and control in Blueberries.

Dr. David Ingram is an Extension / Research Professor - Plant Pathology at the Central Mississippi Research and Extension Center in Raymond, MS.

1:30-2:00 PM

Dr. Barbara Smith

USDA Plant Pathologist

Xylella occurrence and control in Blueberries.

Dr. Barbara Smith is a Research Plant Pathologist at the USDA-ARS Thad Cochran Southern Horticultural Laboratory in Poplarville, MS.

2:00-2:30 PM

Dr. Blake Layton

MSU Entomologist

SWD observations and control in homeowner fruit crops.

Dr. Blake Layton is an Extension Professor in Entomology at Mississippi State University in Starkville, MS.

2:30-3:00 PM

Dr. Blair Sampson

USDA Entomologist

Identification, trapping, and monitoring of the Spotted Wing Drosophila in Mississippi.

Dr. Blair Sampson is a Research Entomologist at the USDA-ARS Thad Cochran Southern Horticultural Laboratory in Poplarville, MS.

3:00-3:15 PM

Break

3:15-3:45 PM

Sam Erwin

Spray Equipment Expert and Dealer, Superb Horticulture, Plymouth, Indiana
Equipment and procedures for controlling the Spotted Wing Drosophila in Blueberries.

Sam Erwin is the owner of the Pickin' Patch Inc., Indiana Berry & Plant Company, Produce Promotions and Superb Horticulture in Plymouth, Indiana.

3:45-4:30 PM

Dr. Oscar Liburd

Univ. of Florida Entomologist

Spotted Wing Drosophila life cycle, infestation and control methods in Blueberries.

Dr. Oscar Liburd is a Professor of fruit and vegetable entomology at the University of Florida. Before arriving in Florida in August 2001, Dr. Liburd was an Assistant Professor at Michigan State University from 1999-2001. He has received numerous awards including the Entomological Society of America, Southeastern Branch award for "Excellence in IPM" and Florida Entomological Society award for 'Entomologist of the Year'. His area of expertise includes IPM and organic pest management in small fruits (blueberries, strawberries, blackberries and grapes) and vegetables (leafy vegetables, cucurbits, tomatoes and peppers). His Research goals are to study the behavior, ecology, and management of key fruit and vegetable pests common to north-central Florida and develop IPM programs for small farmers in the area. He is also active in SWD research and extension throughout the Southeastern U.S.

4:30-5:00 PM

Discussion and Equipment demonstration