

## **Agenda for the 2014 Blueberry Workshop**

1:00-1:30 PM

**Dr. John Adamczyk**

Update on the Blueberry Research Program at the Thad Cochran Southern Horticultural Laboratory

Dr. Adamczyk is the Research Leader at the USDA-ARS Thad Cochran Southern Horticultural Laboratory in Poplarville, MS.

1:30-2:00 PM

**Dr. Eric Stafne**

Potential Micronutrient Deficiencies in Blueberry

Dr. Stafne is an Associate Extension Professor – Fruit Crops associated with the MSU Coastal Research and Extension Center in Poplarville, MS.

2:00-2:30 PM

**Dr. Blair Sampson**

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

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

2:30-2:45 PM **Break**

2:45-3:15 PM

**Dr. Juan Silva, Dr. Frank Matta<sup>\*</sup>, and Amanda Pegg**

Post-Harvest Handling and Characteristics of Blueberries

<sup>\*</sup>Presenter: Dr. Matta is a Professor in Plant and Soil Sciences at Mississippi State University in Starkville, MS.

3:15-3:45

**Dr. Barakat Mahmoud**

The Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA); The Proposed Rule on Standards for Produce Safety

Dr. Mahmoud is an Assistant Professor and Food Safety Extension Specialist associated with the MSU Coastal Research and Extension Center in Pascagoula, MS

3:45-4:45 PM

**Dr. Fumiomi (Fumi) Takeda**

Horticultural and engineering research to improve machine harvest efficiency and to better understand fruit bruising during harvesting

Dr. Takeda is a Research Horticulturist at the USDA-ARS Appalachian Fruit Research Laboratory in Kearneysville, WV.

4:45-5:00 PM **Question, Answer, and Discussion Section**



**Blueberry Growers Educational Workshop**  
**1:00PM to 5PM, February 13, 2014**  
**Mississippi State Univ. Forrest County Ext. Office**  
**952 Sullivan Drive, Hattiesburg, MS 39401-2714**

**Pre-Registration Form**

Mississippi State University-Extension Service, USDA-ARS, and the Gulf South Blueberry Growers will present a workshop on Mechanical Harvesting, SWD updates, Food Safety, Plant Nutrition, and other Blueberry Research. It will be a highly informative event. The special guest speaker this year will be Dr. Fumiomi Takeda from USDA-ARS in Kearneysville, WV. Dr. Takeda is an expert in mechanized harvesting of blueberries and other fruit crops.

Please complete and return this form before **February 6**. Registration cost is: \$10.00 per person

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Make Checks payable to Gulf South Blueberry Growers Association and mail to:

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