

# 2023 Southern Illinois Fruit and Vegetable School

Serving Commercial Growers throughout Southern Illinois and Missouri

## February 8 | 7:45 AM

Get practical research-based information to make your specialty crop flourish and profit. This year, the program will feature four separate tracks to address vegetable, tree fruits, small fruits, and cut flower production. Current trends in insect and disease management, as well as a variety of other production related topics will be discussed. Vendors are onsite to discuss your production needs.

**One spray guide is included with registration!**

### Doubletree Meeting & Event Center

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Preregister at [go.illinois.edu/2023Fruit-VegSchool](https://go.illinois.edu/2023Fruit-VegSchool)

Advanced Registration | **\$50 per farm**  
Registration at the door | **\$60 per farm**



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### 2023 Southern Illinois Fruit and Vegetable School - Wednesday, February 8

Advanced registration (**Preferred**) is \$50 per farm on or before February 3, 2023; registration after February 3 is \$60. **Make check payable to University of Illinois.**

**By Mail:** Send this registration form and payment of \$50 per farm to: University of Illinois Extension  
1606 Eastport Plaza Drive, Suite 100  
Collinsville, IL 62234-6136

**Online:** Pay by MasterCard, Visa, Discover, or American Express. Register online at:  
[go.illinois.edu/2023Fruit-VegSchool](https://go.illinois.edu/2023Fruit-VegSchool)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Farm / Market Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of additional persons attending: \_\_\_\_\_



# Schedule of Events

## Morning Sessions

### Tree Fruit

### Vegetable

### Small Fruit

**7:45 AM Registration Opens**

**8:30 AM Tree Fruit Insect Pest Management Focusing on Wooly Apple Aphids, Oriental Fruit Moth and Plum Curculio**

Kacie Athey, Assistant Professor and Faculty Extension Specialist, University of Illinois

**9:00 AM Accede: A New Option from Valent for Apple and Peach Thinning**

Justin Taylor, Regional Marketing Manager, North America, Valent U.S.A., LLC

**9:30 AM Grower Talk Forthcoming**

Parker Flamm, Flamm Orchards

**8:30 AM Update on the Occurrence and Management of Cucurbit Diseases**

Mohammad Babadoost, Professor and Faculty Extension Specialist, University of Illinois

**9:15 AM Update on the Occurrence and Management of Peppers and Tomatoes**

Mohammad Babadoost, Professor and Faculty Extension Specialist, University of Illinois

**8:30 AM Containerized Blueberry Production**

Daniel Becker, Extension Associate for Vegetables/Fruit, University of Kentucky

**9:30 AM How Might We Manage Our Mites**

Kacie Athey, Assistant Professor and Faculty Extension Specialist, University of Illinois

**10:00 AM BREAK — visit with vendors**

**10:30 AM Peach: Occurrence and Management of Peach Diseases**

Mohammad Babadoost, Professor and Faculty Extension Specialist, University of Illinois

**11:00 AM Warmer Winters and Spring: Impacts to Tree Fruit and a Look Ahead to 2023**

Trent Ford, State Climatologist, Prairie Research Institute, University of Illinois

**11:30 AM Updates on Management of Major Apple Diseases**

Mohammad Babadoost, Professor and Faculty Extension Specialist, University of Illinois

**10:30 AM Product Update from Seedway**

Kevin Hosey, Vegetable Seed Sales Representative, Seedway

**11:00 AM Building Climate Resilience in Illinois Pumpkin Industry**

Kacie Athey, Assistant Professor and Faculty Extension Specialist, University of Illinois

Trent Ford, State Climatologist, University of Illinois

Elizabeth Wahle, Commercial Agriculture Educator, University of Illinois Extension

**10:30 AM New Strawberry and Cane Berry Cultivars from NCSU and Other Breeding Programs**

Gina Fernandez, Extension Specialist (Small Fruits Breeding and Production) North Carolina State University

**11:00 AM Alternative Strawberry Production Systems**

Wenjing Guan, Clinical/Engagement Associate Professor, Southwest Purdue Agricultural Center, Purdue University

**12:00 PM Lunch on your own - 90 min**

## Afternoon Sessions

### Tree Fruit

### Vegetable

### Cut Flowers

**1:30 PM Grower Talk - Newly Adopted Practices at Eckert's**

Chris Eckert, President, Eckert's

**2:00 PM Research Update: Reducing the Incidence of Calyx-End Cracking in "Ever-Crisp" Apple**

Elizabeth Wahle, Extension Educator, Commercial Agriculture, U of I Extension

**1:30 PM Ginger: A New High Value Crop for Illinois**

Chris Enroth, Extension Educator, Horticulture, University of Illinois Extension

**2:00 PM Grower Talk: Ginger Production at Pink Tiger Farm**

Brian Elias, Pink Tiger Farm, Goreville

**1:30 PM How to Organize Your Seed Starting Schedule and Succession Planting**

Taylor Sievers, Sievers Blumen Farm

**2:00 PM Profitable Flowers and Using Irrigation Efficiently**

Carrie Koester, Barnside Flower Farm

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

**BREAK — visit with vendors**

**Track Adjourned**

**2:45 PM Introduction to Programs and Resources for Specialty Crop Growers**

Jamie Jones, Outreach Coordinator, USDA-NRCS

**2:45 PM Integrated Pest Management for Cut Flowers**

Chris Lueking, Extension Educator, Horticulture, University of Illinois Extension