

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Feel free to move between tracks of breakouts. Note that presentations in the three rooms may start and stop at different times or vary somewhat from what is listed here. If you choose to change rooms in the middle of a block of time, please leave and enter each room as unobtrusively as you can.

Sunday, December 4 – at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel			
2:00-8:00	Registration (2nd Floor, Center Concourse)		
2:00-5:30	NARBA Executive Council Meeting (Robinson Room)		
2:00-4:00	NASG Research Foundation Meeting (Campau Room)	4:00-6:00 NASGA Board Meeting (Campau Room)	
7:00-9:00	Opening Reception (Ambassador East) Visit with exhibitors, view posters. Silent Auction		
Monday, December 5 – at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel			
7:00-12:00	Registration (2nd Floor, Center Concourse)		
7:30-9:00	Continental Breakfast (Ambassador East) Visit with Exhibitors, Silent Auction		
9:00-10:30	General Session (Pantlind Ballroom) Grower Spotlight: Bardenhagen Berries Keynote address: "Heart health, obesity, and diabetes: Berries can make a difference"		
Breakouts	Caneberry (Governors Room)	Tunnels / Organic (Imperial Ballroom)	Strawberry (Vandenberg Room)
10:45-12:00	10:45 Exclusion netting and harvest frequency for SWD management 11:25 Sustainable options for disease management in caneberries	10:45 Choosing tunnel plastics to meet your needs 11:15 Potential effects of tunnel plastics on pesticides and pest management 11:35 Approaches for blackberry production in high tunnels	10:45 Biofungicides and organic options for disease control in strawberries 11:20 Tackling tough weeds in strawberries
12:00-2:00	Lunch and NARBA/NASGA Annual Meetings (Pantlind Ballroom). <i>This lunch is included in all registrations.</i>		
2:00-3:30	2:00 The expansion of primocane-fruiting blackberry production – From idea to reality 2:45 Perspectives on the wholesale market	2:00 Grower experiences with high tunnels: Panel discussion	2:00 Managing SWD in strawberries 2:30 Sprayer technology for strawberries 3:00 Strawberry varieties – Grower panel
3:30-3:45	Break		
3:45-5:00	3:45 Intensive trellising improved our bottom line 4:15 Getting two crops from your raspberries: Does it make economic sense?	3:45 Using high tunnels for organic raspberry production in humid regions 4:10 Organic berry production: Grower panel	3:45 What Facebook has done for our farm 4:15 Technology/smart phone apps: Growers share what works for them
5:30	Silent Auction ends Please pay for and pick up items you have won.		
6:00 –	Dinner on your own		
7:30-8:30	Evening Roundtable on Production Issues (Governors Room)		
8:00-11:00	Berry Conference Hospitality Room (Amway Grand Plaza – Suite #750)		
Tuesday, December 6 – Educational Sessions and Trade Show at DeVos Place Convention Center (Great Lakes Expo)			
7:00-8:30	NASGA Nursery Growers Meeting (Vandenberg B, Amway Grand Plaza)		
	Caneberry (Gallery Overlook, upper level, Room A & B)	Workshops (River Overlook, upper level, Chase Board Room)	Strawberry (Grand Gallery, main level, Room A & B)
9:00-12:00	9:00 Grower spotlight: K & K Farm (Michigan) 9:40 Bramble varieties for today & tomorrow 10:15 Arkansas blackberry varieties – What are people planting and why? 11:00 How the National Clean Plant Network helps growers 11:20 Virus diseases and their management	Getting Started in Raspberries and Blackberries. BY PREREGISTRATION ONLY	9:00 The intricacies of silicon fertilization 9:45 Emerging technologies – How can these help strawberry growers : 10:15 Getting the most out of your irrigation system 11:00 Home-grown innovations – Show & Tell
12:00-2:00	Lunch, visit trade show (Lunch on your own)		
2:00-4:30	2:00 SWD management update & new research 2:40 Sprayer technology for caneberries 3:20 Growing blackberries in a colder climate: Grower panel	Create a Food Safety Plan for Your Farm – Right Here and Now BY PREREGISTRATION ONLY	2:00 Soil health assessment / Soil health and composts 2:45 Building soil health for perennial crops 3:15 Intro to substrate culture: Top 10 principles for growing strawberries in substrate 4:00 Low tunnels for plasticulture strawberries
8:00-11:00	Berry Conference Hospitality Room (Amway Grand Plaza, Suite #750)		
Wednesday - Thursday, December 6-7 – at DeVos Place Convention Center (Great Lakes Expo)			
Great Lakes Expo trade show and educational sessions on many topics. See the Great Lakes Expo program.			