

Planting and Pruning Small Fruits-A Winter Training January 9, 2006

Twenty one agents from VA,NC,SC,GA and TN participated in a planting and pruning workshop(click here for agenda) at the Maple Ridge Farm in Canadys, SC. Mr. Fritz Aichele owner of the farm allowed us to use his blueberry, muscadine grape, bramble and strawberry plantings. Dr. Powell Smith, Clemson University, made the arrangements with Mr. Aichelle to use his farm and Dr. Gerard Krewer, University of Georgia put the program together. FISKARS BRANDS, Inc. was a co-sponsor of the program and provided several loppers and pruners to use in the pruning demonstrations. All the agents got an opportunity to prune blueberries and muscadine grapes. A notebook with reference materials was provided to each of the participants.

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A "Hands On" Agent Training Agents are Required to Bring Hand Clippers and Loppers (if available)

Sunday, Jan. 8 and Monday, Jan. 9, 2006

Sponsored by the Southern Region Small Fruit Consortium

Designed to Allow Agents to Also Attend the Southeast Regional Fruit and Vegetable Conference (Friday, Jan. 6 and Sat. Jan. 7, 2006)

Sunday, Jan. 8, 2006

6:00 p.m. Supper and Fellowship with Agents from Other States, Longhorn Family Steakhouse in Walterboro, SC

Lodging in Walterboro, Comfort Inn Suites, Exit 53, I-95

Monday, Jan. 9, 2006

8:30	Meet at Maple Ridge Farm, Mr. Aichele, near Canadays, SC
8:30	Welcome: Dr. Tom Monaco, Director, Southern Region Small Fruit Consortium, Raleigh, NC.
8:40	Blueberries: Site Selection, Site Preparation, Cultivars for Various Uses, Irrigation, Planting, Pruning Young Plants, Pruning Bearing Plants-Gerard Krewer
	Weed Control- David Monks
	Questions and Answers, - Gerard Krewer, UGA Tifton, GA and David Monks, NCSU, Raleigh, NC
9:40	Muscadine Grapes: Site Selection, Site Preparation, Trellis Construction – Barclay Poling
	Cultivars for Fresh Market in Various Regions –Barclay Poling and Gerard Krewer Cultivars for Processing in Various Regions- Barclay Poling and Gerard Krewer

Irrigation, Planting, Training Young Vines, Pruning Bearing Vines – Barclay Poling

Muscadine Weed Control-Wayne Mitchem

Question and Answers- Barclay Poling, NCSU, Raleigh, NC ; Wayne Mitchem, NCSU/GA/SC Weed Specialist and Gerard Krewer, UGA Tifton GA

10:40 Break

10:55 Blackberries:

Site Selection, Trellis Construction, Cultivars for PYO and Distant Shipping, Planting Root Pieces and Plants, Irrigation, First Year Management, Bearing Plant Pruning -Gerard Krewer

Blackberry Weed Control -Wayne Mitchem

Questions and Answers- Gerard Krewer, UGA, Tifton, GA and. Wayne Mitchem, NCSU/GA/SC Weed Specialist

11:55 Lunch-Bee City

12:55 Strawberries:

Site Selection, Cultivars, Plant Types (plug, fresh dug, frigo), Planting Techniques, Planting Times, Fertilization,-Barclay Poling

Mulch Laying, Fumigation, General Pest Management, Sprayers for Strawberries–Barclay Poling

Biological Control of Spider Mites -Roger Francis

Weed Control –David Monks

Questions and Answers -Barclay Poling, NCSU, Raleigh, NC, Roger Francis, Charleston Co. Agent, Charleston, SC, and David Monks, NCSU, Raleigh, NC

3:00 pm Head for Home

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Photos form Event

































































































