

Small Farms and Vegetable Conference

Friday, April 25, 2022
American Legion Hall
Registration - 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.
Program - 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Speakers and Topics:

9:00 am – 9:10 am

Welcome and Introductions

Martha Neva, Chairman of the Horticulture Committee

9:10 am – 10:00 am

Alternative Pesticide Management for the Garden

Stephen Brueggerhoff, AgriLife Extension -Galveston County-Horticulture Agent

Explore alternative pesticide management practices for home gardening. We will learn about integrated pest management strategies that include garden inspection, companion planting, plant rotation and biological control.

10:00 am – 10:20 am

Break

10:20 am – 11:10 am

Pesticides and Honeybees

Cary Sims, AgriLife Extension -Angelina County-Agriculture & Natural Resource Agent

An overview of pest control in and around the beehive as we protect beneficial insects as well as protect gardens from their common enemies. Participants will learn about organic, conventional, ‘natural’, and all other manner of methods to protect what we want and mitigate what we don’t want.

11:10 am – 12:00 pm

Recognizing and Managing Vegetable Diseases

Dr. Kevin Ong, Professor, Associate Dept. Head of Plant Pathology & Microbiology

Awareness of local common vegetable diseases issues. Understanding how to recognize these pathogens and symptoms. Strategies to prevent outbreak and to limit disease damage (Integrated Disease Management approaches).

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Lunch Break

1:00 pm – 1:50 pm

Update on Laws & Regulations

Dr. Don Renchie, AgriLife Extension, Agriculture & Environmental Specialist

Provide an update on federal and state pesticide laws and regulations, which may affect their business and/or operations.

1:50 pm – 2:40 pm

Spring Vegetables & Pest That Accompany Them

Boone Holladay, AgriLife Extension -Ft. Bend County-Horticulture Agent

We will cover common spring garden crops and review techniques to scout for and identify typical pests and disease pressure early on so to utilize the least impactful response strategies within Integrated Pest Management.

2:40 pm – 3:00 pm

Wrap Up & Evaluation

Program Organizers

Horticulture Committee of Austin County