

# North American Strawberry Growers Association 2022 Annual Meeting and Conference



**Holiday Inn Express Nashville Downtown  
Nashville, Tennessee  
January 16-19, 2021**

## **Agenda**

### **Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**

2:00-4:00 pm      NASG Foundation Meeting  
4:00-6:00 pm      NASGA Board Meeting  
6:00-8:00          Registration  
7:00-9:00          Welcome Reception  
**National Strawberry Queen Pageant Finalists**

### **Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**

7:30-8:30      Registration and Trade Show

### **General Session:**

#### **Chair**

8:30              **Growing Strawberries in High Tunnels – Opportunities and Challenges**  
Wenjing Guan, Purdue University

9:00              **Local Grower Profile**  
Denton Parkins, Green Acres Farm, Milan, TN

9:45              BREAK - Visit Exhibitors – Skyline Atrium

10:15             **Drone Spraying Plug Plants**  
Andy McNitt, McNitt Growers, Carbondale, IL

10:45             **Agriculture in Tennessee**  
Charlie Hatcher, Commissioner of Agriculture, Nashville, TN

11:30             **SUBSTRATES: Physical and chemical characteristics impacting  
hydroponic strawberry production**  
Karla Garcia, Hort Americas

12:00             **NASGA Annual Meeting and Lunch (12:30)**

**PM Chair Tom Stevenson**

- 2:00 **Effect of beneficial microbes, biofumigation and anaerobic soil disinfestation on strawberry soilborne disease and yield in a perennial production system**  
Mahfuz Rahman, West Virginia University
- 2:30 **Changing Weather Patterns**  
John Gordon, National Weather Service, Louisville, KY
- 3:15 **BREAK** - Visit Exhibitors – Skyline Atrium
- 3:45 **Ontario Grower Profile**  
Dave Klyn Hesselink, Amy Rodenburg, Fenwick Berry Farm. Ready Set Grow  
Fenwick, ON Canada
- 4:30 **Understanding feedbacks between strawberry metabolites and plant-associated microbes**  
Mary Jamieson, Oakland University, Rochester, MI

## **Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00-8:30 Nursery Meeting  
7:30-8:30 Registration, Trade Show

## **General Session:**

### **AM Chair**

- 8:30 **Bee Vectored Crop Protection**  
Ian Collinson, Everett Hendrixon – Bee Vectored Technologies
- 9:00 **Nursery Profile**  
Nourse Farms
- 9:45 **BREAK**
- 10:15 **Determining when to terminate strawberry foliar fungicide applications**  
Aaron Cato, University of Arkansas
- 10:45 **Applying Weather Based Monitoring for Strawberry Disease and Crop Management**  
Natalia Peres, University of Florida, Gulf Coast Research and Education Center  
Winauma, FL
- 11:15 **Complimentary Crops to Strawberries – Marketing, Labor Efficiency and Asset Utilization**  
Grower Panel
- 12:00 Lunch

## **General Session:**

### **PM Chair**

- 1:30            **Robotic Strawberry Harvesting**  
Terence Hunt - Adev Automation, Dayton, OH
- 2:00            **Neopestalotiopsis – What we have learned**  
Natalia Peres, University of Florida, Gulf Coast Research and Education Center,  
Winauma, FL
- 2:30            Break
- 3:00            **Weed Management - Focus Matted Row Strawberries**  
Kevin Schooley, KS Consulting
- 3:30            **Canopy-level microclimates relating to row cover management and disease risk**  
Mengjun Hu, University of Maryland, College Park, MD
- 4:00            **On Farm Data Collection - Panel**  
Blaine Staples, The Jungle Farm

## **Wednesday January 19th**

### **Farm Tour**

The buses will depart from the Holiday Inn at 7:30 am and return by approximately 5:00 pm. The Farm Tour is included in the cost of registration.

### **Planned Tour Stops**

**Shop Springs Creamery**  
Lebanon, TN

**Catesa Farms**

Riddleton, TN

**Oak Grove Farms**  
Bethpage, TN

**South Central Growers**  
Springfield, TN