



# AFVGA

ALABAMA FRUIT & VEGETABLE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

## Alabama Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association 2018 Conference & Trade Show

### November 15 & 16

Clanton Conference & Performing Arts Center  
Clanton, Alabama



ALABAMA FARMERS FEDERATION





# Conference Agenda

## Thursday, November 15

8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Conference Registration Open**

9:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. **Trade Show Open**

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Welcome Luncheon/General Assembly**

Bobby Boozer, *AFVGA President*

Dr. Desmond Layne, *Auburn Horticulture Department Head*

Rick Pate, *Alabama Agriculture & Industries Commissioner-Elect*

Dr. Ayanava Majumdar, *Alabama Extension (ACES)*

William Green, *Alabama TREASURE Forest Association*

12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. **Producer Networking Sessions**

***Fruit & Berry Production***

Jimmy Witt

***U-Pick & Agritourism Promotion***

Scott & Rachell Penton

***Beginning Farmer Network***

Karen Wynne, Beth & Josh Hornsby, Dr. Allen Straw

***Market Readiness & Produce Safety Resource Panel Discussion***

Dr. Barrett Vaughn, *Tuskegee University*

Dr. Rudy Pacumbaba, *Alabama A&M University*

Dr. Jean Weese, *Auburn University (AU)*

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. **Educational Sessions Round 1**

***Blueberry Establishment***

Arnold Caylor, *ACES*

***Update on Irrigation & Fertigation***

Dr. Charles Barrett, *UF/IFAS Extension*

***Carrot Production***

Dr. Joe Kembel, *ACES*

***Tomatoes***

Dr. Allen Straw, *Harvest Moon Plants, Galax, Va.*

4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. **Educational Sessions Round 2**

***Growing Muscadines Successfully***

Arnold Caylor, *ACES*

***Turmeric: Growing, Harvesting & Helpful Tips***

Tia Gonzalez, *AU*

***Gummy Stem Blight on Cucurbits***

Dr. Kassie Connor, *ACES*

***Cucumbers***

Dr. Allen Straw, *Harvest Moon Plants, Galax, Va.*



## Friday, November 16

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Trade Show Open**

8:10 a.m. – 8:50 a.m. **Educational Sessions Round 1**

*Herbicides in Sweet Corn & Tomatoes*

Dr. Steve Li, AU/ACES

*Mushroom Production*

Allen Carroll, Fungi Farm

*Plant Nutrition in Greenhouse Systems  
& Greenhouse Equipment and Maintenance*

Dr. Jeremy Pickens, AU/ACES

*On-Farm Readiness Review*

Christy Smith, Andy Tipton, ADAI

James Miles, ACES

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Vendor Brunch, Interaction with Vendors**

10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. **Educational Sessions Round 2**

*Bacterial Blight in Tomatoes & Peppers*

Dr. Neha Potnis, AU

*Cowpea Curculio Identification & Management*

Dr. Ayanava Majumdar, ACES

*Greenhouse & High Tunnel Pest Management*

Dr. Jeremy Pickens, AU/ACES

*Peach Production – Panel Update*

Dr. Edgar Vinson, Dr. Elina Coneva, Dr. Desmond Layne,  
Mike Reeves

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Closing Keynote Address**

*Advances in Fruit Production*

Dr. Desmond Layne, AU

11:40 a.m. **Introduction of New AFVGA Executive Director**

Bobby Boozer

11:50 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Conference Wrap-up, General  
Election, Evaluation & Door Prizes**

Bobby Boozer, Dr. Ayanava Majumdar



Dig into Alabama's growing specialty crops industry. Join horticulture farmers from across the state at AFVGA's annual conference Nov. 15-16.

# Register Online at **AFVGA.org**

Registration Opens: Sept. 28

Registration Closes: Oct. 29

## Cost

Attendees: \$85

Exhibitors/Vendors: \$300

Nonprofit Exhibitors/Vendors: \$200

## For More Information

[AFVGA.org](http://AFVGA.org)



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