



January 28, 2020

Subject: Thirteenth Annual NC Commercial Blackberry and Raspberry Growers Association Meeting

To: Blackberry Growers and Industry

From: Daniel Shires, Agriculture Extension Agent

You are invited to attend the thirteenth annual NCCBRGA meeting. As always we have an interesting and educational program scheduled. The meeting will be held in the Bladen County Extension Auditorium at 450 Smith Cir #N8, Elizabethtown, NC 28337 on February 13. In order to plan for the meal, you will need to **RSVP** by Friday, February 7 by calling 704-482-4365. If you have any questions, need directions or if you would like to sponsor the meeting, feel free to call.

There will be a \$20 registration fee per person for the meeting. We will also be collecting, 2020 NCCBRGA annual membership dues. NCCBRGA membership dues are \$50 per farm. These monies are vital to the continued success of the association and its members. Your membership dues allow us to have annual production meeting in addition to field days. The monies also support various research and academic projects.

In addition, make sure to thank and visit our numerous sponsors, which will be set up in the back of the auditorium! I look forward to seeing each of you at the meeting.

A copy of the agenda is on next page.

Daniel

Thirteenth Annual NC Commercial Blackberry and Raspberry Growers Association Meeting



Thursday February 13, 2020
Bladen County Extension Office Auditorium
450 Smith Cir #N8, Elizabethtown, NC 28337



Agenda:

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| 8:30-9:00 | Registration |
| 9:00-9:10 | Opening Remarks and Welcome-Ethan Lineberger, NCCBRGA President |
| 9:10-9:45 | Controlling Broad mites in Blackberries and Exirel Update-Dr. Hannah Burrack, NCSU |
| 9:45-10:15 | Short and Stout: Vegetative Growth Management in Blackberry- Dr. Tom Kon, NCSU (ZOOM) |
| 10:15-10:30 | BREAK |
| 10:30-10:50 | Public Varieties Update-Karen Blaedow, NC Extension-Henderson Co. |
| 10:50-11:10 | Double Crop Fertility Trial Findings-Dr. Kristin Hicks, NCDA |
| 11:10-11:30 | Pest Management Strategic Plan (PMSP) Update-Dr. Sara Villani, NCSU |
| 11:30-12:00 | NCCBRGA Business Meeting |
| 12:00-1:00 | Lunch and Vendor Visits |
| 1:00-1:10 | A Word from our Sponsors |
| 1:10-1:25 | On Farm Readiness Review Program-Sarah Cope, Outreach Coordinator, NCDA&CS |
| 1:25-1:40 | FSMA Inspections and Produce Safety Rule Overview-Allison Pitts, Produce Compliance Officer, NCDA&CS |
| 1:40-2:10 | Blackberry Fertigation-Jeremy Barnes, Helena Chemical |
| 2:10-2:30 | Building a Great Fungicide Spray Program-Dr. Sara Villani, NCSU |
| 2:30-2:45 | New Legal Requirements for Using Paraquat-Daniel Shires, NC Extension-Cleveland Co. |

*NCCBRGA Board Meeting Immediately Following the Annual Association Meeting