



Meeting Agenda



Thursday, January 8, 2026

7:30 AM **Registration Open**

8:00 AM **Coffee with Sponsors**

9:00 AM **Opening Session**

Keynote: Small Berry, Big Potential: The Strawberry West-East Connection

Dr. Mark Hoffman | Viticulture and Strawberry Production Specialist,
North Carolina State University

10:05 AM **Breakout Session I**

SCSFGA | Chatham Ballroom A

• Creating a Strong Collaborative Foundation for Clemson's Small Fruit Research

- Dr. Guido Schnabel | Plant Pathologist, Clemson University
- Melissa Munoz | Horticulture, Small Fruit Research Specialist, Clemson University
- Lindsey Thiessen | Plant Pathologist, Small Fruit Research Specialist, Clemson University

NASGA | Room 200-202

• Management of Thrips and Mites in Strawberries

- Dr. Sriyanka Lahiri | Strawberry and Small Fruit Entomologist, University of Florida

10:35 AM **Breakout Session I**

SCSFGA | Chatham Ballroom A

• South Carolina Small Fruit Growers Association Annual Membership Meeting

- Discussion Lead by SCSFGA President Michael Parker | Hickory Bluff Farms

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• Post Harvest Handling of Small Fruit

- Dr. Angelos Deltsidis | Assistant Professor in Postharvest Physiology, University of Georgia

11:00 AM **Breakout Session I**

SCSFGA | Chatham Ballroom A

• Membership Discussion: Establishing Research Directions with Grower Insights for Clemson's Small Fruit Research Program

- Moderator: Bob Hall | Bush-n-Vine Farms

NASGA | Room 200-202

• NASGA Annual Membership Meeting

11:35 AM	General Session Keynote: Berries Can Help Shift the American Diet Dr. Mary Ann Lila Plants for Human Health Institute, North Carolina State University
12:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM	Dessert with Sponsors
1:30 PM	Breakout Session II
	SCSFGA Chatham Ballroom A
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-Line Fumigation as the Alternative to Traditional Fumigation Application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Justin Ballew Clemson University Zach Snipes Clemson University
2:00 PM	Breakout Session II
	SCSFGA Chatham Ballroom A
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soil Health: Are Biologics and Probiotics Snake Oil or Helpful <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tyler Jacoby New Generation Agriculture
2:20 PM	
2:35 PM	Afternoon Refreshments with Exhibitors
2:45 PM	In-Line Fumigation Rig Show and Tell - Outside
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Justin Ballew Clemson University Zach Snipes Clemson University
3:00 PM	Breakout Session III
	SCSFGA Chatham Ballroom A
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invasion of the Robotics on Your Farm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Matt Cutulle Clemson University
3:10 PM	
	NASGA Room 200-202
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grower Profile <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jake Carter Southern Belle Farms
	NASGA Room 200-202
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor Strawberry Propagation: Strives to Optimize Mother-Plant Performance in Vertical Propagation Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Mark Hoffman Small Fruit Specialist, North Carolina State University
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strawberry Transplant Physiology and Management Practices to Maximize Field Performance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Shinsuke Agehara University of Florida
	NASGA Room 200-202
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Propagation Traits Across Different Strawberry Varieties <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Ibraheem Olasupo North Carolina State University
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strawberry Transplant Preconditioning for Indoor Propagation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pooja Tripathi Ohio State University

3:25 PM Breakout Session III

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- **Water Planning in South Carolina**

- Rob Devlin | South Carolina Department of Environmental Services
- Joe Koon | South Carolina Department of Environmental Services

3:50 PM Breakout Session III

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- **Pest Pressures in Southeastern Small Fruit Operations**

- Brett Blauuw | Entomology, Clemson University

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- **Grower Panel Discussion on Strawberry Plant Propagation**

- Kyle Dick | EZ-Gro
- Austin Wrenn | Fresh Pik
- Nourse Farms Representative

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- **Bed Formation and Application Method are Critical for a Successful Fumigation**

- Dr. Stanley Culpepper | Weed Scientist, University of Georgia

4:45 PM SCSFGA and NASGA Reception | Georgia International Gallery

6:30 PM Adjourn

Enjoy Dinner Across the River!