



Growing Resources
Cultivating Success

**CFVGA 2020 Annual Conference Program
Tuesday, February 25**

7:00 – 8:00 AM Registration, light breakfast in ballroom, visit with exhibitors

8:00 – 8:20 AM Funding for Colorado Fruit and Vegetable Industry

8:30 AM – 2:50 PM Program table. See descriptions below

Room and Track	8:30 – 9:30	9:30 – 10:00	10:00 – 11:30 Deep dives	11:30 – 1:00	1:00 – 1:30	1:30 – 2:50
Big Thompson/ Produce Safety	Produce Safety Rule 20-20 (1)	Network- ing Break Visit with exhibitors in ballroom and hallways	Just clean it (5)	Awards lunch - ballroom	Networking break last chance to visit with exhibitors and get signatures on Meet Our Exhibitors form for prize drawing	Closing Plenary Prize drawing and panel: Exploring the risks and opportunities of the Colorado hemp industry (9)
Platte River/ Production then Labor	Made in the Shade: Production of high value colored peppers in Colorado (2)		Staying in compliance with H-2A rules (6)			
Clear Creek/ Small farm	Creating and managing an effective farm team (3)		Recordkeeping and Farm Management Best Practices (7)			
Boulder Creek/ SCBGP	Colorado Specialty Crop Block Grant Program project reports (4)		Colorado Specialty Crop Block Grant Program project reports (8)			

1. This session will provide growers with information about the tools and resources available to them to help them prepare and comply with the Produce Safety Rule. Growers will learn about what an On-Farm Readiness Review (OFRR) is, how they can prepare and request one as well as lessons learned from the OFRRs that have been completed. Cristy Dice, Colorado State University; Duane Sinning, Colorado Department of Agriculture
2. In this presentation, participants will review production capacity, costs, and returns of high-value colored peppers grown in shade tunnels. The session will provide a comprehensive look at 5 years of research at CSU's Arkansas Valley Research Center in Rocky Ford and will examine aspects of tunnels design, construction, variety selection, and other production issues. Dr. Mike Bartolo, Colorado State University
3. You've assembled a workforce that is both coachable for team work and capable of reaching your farm goals. How do you develop this team to be high achieving? How do you provide rewards and reprimands, navigate interpersonal issues, and ensure workplace equity so that productivity and worker morale are maximized? Join us for an exploration of managerial and leadership skills necessary for optimal human performance in your farm business. Dr. Ali Hill, Colorado State University; Meg Caley, Sprout City Farms; Anne Cure, Cure Organic Farm; Michael Moss, Kilt Farm
4. 8:30 – 8:45: Introduction to the CSU Specialty Crops Program, Dr. Mark Uchanski. Specialty Crops Program Coordinator Mark Uchanski will describe the research, demonstration, technical support, and other synergies that come from



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connecting CDA funded projects around Colorado.

8:45 – 9:00: Ornamental Perennial Production and Propagation, Sean Markovic. Applying plant growth regulators on herbaceous perennials to determine effect on production of propagation materials.

9:00 – 9:15: CPAC Soil Health, Jane Stewart. This presentation will discuss microbial community changes with different potato cropping systems.

9:15-9:30: Double Up Food Bucks Colorado, Wendy Peters Moschetti. Wendy will discuss Double Up, which is an incentive for participants of the SNAP program to purchase more Colorado-grown produce, an initiative that operates in over 30 different counties across the state.

5. Cleaning and sanitizing are critical for farm food contact surfaces. Learn the where, how, what. Travis Chapin, University of Florida
6. Join us for a update on how to apply for and succeed with the H-2A guest worker program. Hear about updates to H-2A from current DOL rulemaking and from legislation. Kerri Owen, Colorado Department of Labor and Employment; Kerry Scott, MAS Labor
7. This session will be filled with practical advice on how to develop and incorporate record keeping and Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for your farm. The session will cover general concepts for record keeping and SOPs, and then work to help each participant feel empowered to prioritize what specific information will benefit their individual farming operation. This session will be interactive so come ready to get to work. Stephen Cochenour, Denver Public Schools; Meg Caley, Sprout City Farms.
8. 10:00 – 10:15: Organic Weed Management, Tyler Mason. This talk will focus on the evaluation of four herbicides (horticultural vinegar, Suppress®, Weed Slayer®, and Homeplate®) with regard to their weed control ability, cost/acre, and the percent weed control achieved.
10:15-10:30am: Management of Potato Powdery Scab, Chakradhar Mattupalli. The research project explores strategies for potato powdery scab management.
10:30am-10:45am: Slow Food Youth Farm Stands/Denver Urban Gardens (DUG), Mikhaela Mullins. Join Slow Food Denver and DUG to learn more about the Youth Farm Stand program, which promotes fresh Colorado produce to Denver Metro communities while strengthening youth entrepreneurial skills.
10:45-11:00am: Cool Season Grain Legumes, Reza Keshavarz. In this project, we evaluated yield and quality of cool-season grain legumes including pea, lentil, chickpea, and faba bean at four locations in Colorado with diverse soil and climatic conditions. The results will be used to evaluate feasibility of growing these crops under dryland and irrigated conditions in Colorado. In this presentation, some of the findings in year 1 of this study will be shared.
11:00-11:15am: CSU Viticulture and Extension Program, Miranda Ulmer. The Colorado Wine Industry Development Board (CWIDB) & Colorado Association for Viticulture & Enology (CAVE) found it necessary to bring outreach & educational opportunities to grape growers across the state, thus, with the help of SCBG, the CSU Viticulture Extension Specialist position was born.
11:15-11:30am: Final questions, discussion, and adjourn

**We need your evaluation responses
to report on grant funding and plan for 2021.**

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- With paper copy available at registration or on roundtables OR
- Online via URL or QR code: https://surveymonkey.com/r/CFVGA_Feb_25

