

Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs): Developing a Food Safety Program for Fruit and Vegetable Growers

Location: UF/IFAS Southwest Florida Research and Education Center
SR 29 N

Immokalee, Florida
Thursday September 24, 2009

8:30 am – 4:30 pm

\$20 registration fee includes lunch

To register call 863-674-4092 or email dcabrera@ufl.edu

- 8:30 am Registration
- 9:00 am Welcome, Introductions and Setting the Stage How Do I Know What I Need? Gene McAvoy, Hendry County Extension, LaBelle
- 9:30 am Microbiology for Growers: Understanding Organisms of Concern, Brief presentation of main organisms, how they grow, spread, etc., Keith Schneider, Food and Human Nutrition, Gainesville, FL
- 10:15 am Break
- 10:45 am An Overview of GAPs Issues, Reviewing key farm, field, packing house and transportation practices, Keith Schneider, Food and Human Nutrition, Gainesville, FL
- 11:30 am Worker Health and Hygiene, Addressing the need for worker training, including common stumbling blocks, resources, etc., Gene McAvoy, Hendry County Extension, LaBelle
- 12:15 pm Lunch
- 1:15 pm The Importance of Record Keeping, Making record keeping a manageable part of the your food safety plan, Renee Goodrich Schneider, Food Science and Human Nutrition, Gainesville, FL
- 1:45 pm Post Harvest Handling and Sanitation, Effectively communicating your food safety program and advocating for your farm, Steve Sargent, Horticultural Sciences, Gainesville, FL
- 2:15 pm Break
- 2:45 pm Audit Perspectives: Lack of a Standardized Audit, Preparing for an audit/inspection without losing your mind, Renee Goodrich Schneider, Food Science and Human Nutrition, Gainesville
- 3:15 pm Educational Materials and Resources, Discussing the resources that make things easier and more effective, Keith Schneider, Food and Human Nutrition, Gainesville, FL
- 3:45 pm How Can UF/IFAS Extension Help You in the Next Step? Open Forum for Questions, Wrap-Up, Gene McAvoy, Hendry County Extension, LaBelle
- 4:00 pm Adjourn