

SAEA 11th Anniversary Sustainable Ag Conference for Large and Small Food Production

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Growing Sustainably: The Future of Food



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FRIDAY, February 10, 2012

CONFERENCE DAY 1 - FIELDTRIPS, TRADE SHOW AND PRESENTATIONS

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.		Check-in for farm tours / Vans depart from hotel at 8:00am
8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. 1 st Stop - Alamo, Texas	Vendor and Information Exhibits Open	Chris Garcia Farm – Organic Pastures w/ Sabino Cortez, Organic Ag Specialist, Owner Erath Earth / www.erathearth.com
9:20 a.m. - 10:05 a.m. 2 nd Stop - Santa Rosa, Texas		Natural Soil Solutions – Compost Operation w/ Bob Dyer and Jimbo Bitner, Owners Natural Soil Solutions
10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. 3 rd Stop - Lyford, Texas		Hilltop Gardens – Certified Organic Vegetable Production w/ Joseph Kim, VP Operations Hilltop Gardens / www.aloecorp.com
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.		Lunch on your own / Lunch provided for farm tour participants - Big John's Catering of Harlingen
11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.		Trade Show - Visit vendor booths and displays Register for a door prize giveaway
1:00 p.m. - 1:50 p.m.		Registration for afternoon sessions - Hotel Lobby, 1 st Floor / 1:15pm Farm tours arrive at hotel
1:50 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.		Welcome and Opening Remarks Dr. Larry Zibilske, President SAEA / USDA Agricultural Research Service - Weslaco, TX
2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.		Creating a healthy Sponge with Silicon Amy Normand, Quick-Sol of Texas / www.quick-sol.com
2:35 p.m. - 3:05 p.m.		Killing with Kindness - An Organic Approach to Pesticides and Herbicides Kathy Pechacek, Rivers End Nursery / www.riversendnursery.com
3:10 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.		Nutrient Management for Organic Cropping Systems - National Organic Standards, and Soil and Health Practices William Durham, State Conservation Agronomist, USDA-NRCS, TX
3:50 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.		Trade Show - Visit vendor booths and displays Break / Refreshments / Register for a door prize giveaway
4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.		Battle of the Bugs (CEUs) Rolando Trevino, Kunafin / www.kunafin.com
5:20 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.		Conservation Programs Available Through NRCS - Organic Initiative, EQIP, CSP, FRLPP, GRP Bertha Venegas, State Outreach Coordinator, USDA-NRCS, TX
6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.		Trade Show - Visit vendor booths and displays Break / Refreshments / Register for a door prize giveaway
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Dinner <i>An Italian Feast</i>	Keynote Address: Food as Medicine: What Melons Offer Dr. Gene Lester, Research Plant Physiologist, USDA Agricultural Research Service	

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SATURDAY, February 11, 2012 CONFERENCE DAY 2 - TRADE SHOW AND PRESENTATIONS

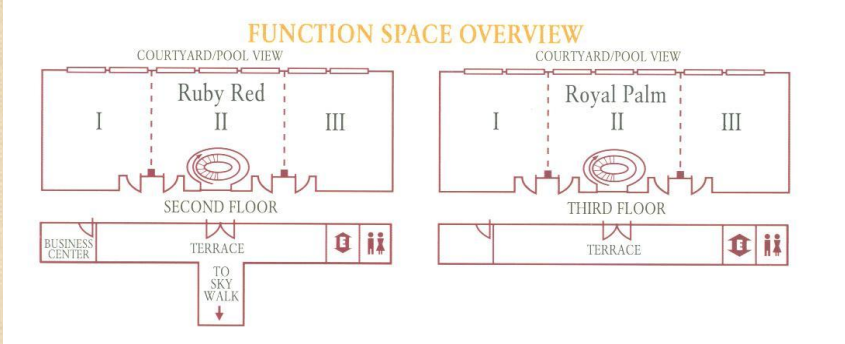
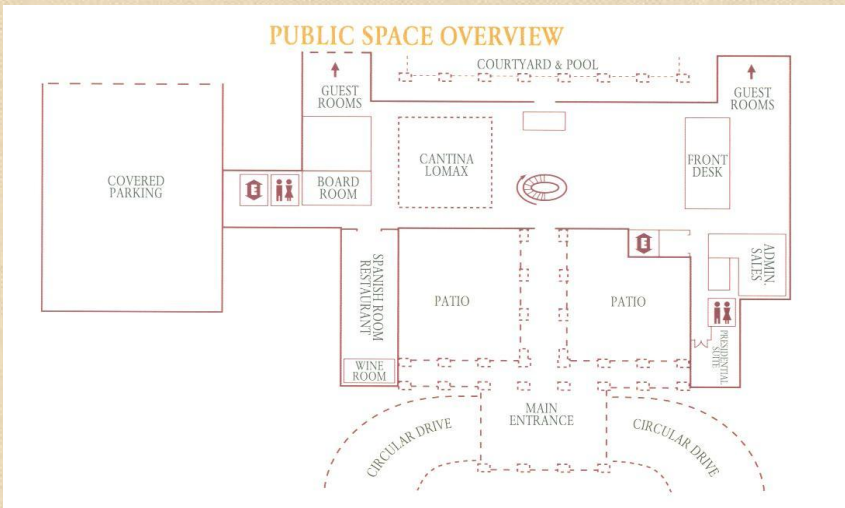
7:30 am - 8:00 am	Registration for morning and afternoon sessions / Pastries, Coffee, Juice, Water
8:00 am - 8:05 am	Welcome Barbara Storz, County Extension Agent, Horticulture, Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service
8:05 am - 8:45 am	Managing Land for a Sustainable Future - 10 Keys to Success from HMI Peggy Sechrist, Holistic Management International-Texas / www.holisticmanagement.org
8:50 am - 9:30 am	Economic Analysis of Small Acreage Vegetable Production in South Texas Dr. Luis Ribera, Texas AgriLife Extension Service - Weslaco, TX
9:30 am - 10:10 am	Trade Show - Visit vendor booths and displays Break / Refreshments / Register for a door prize giveaway
10:10 am - 10:40 am	Supporting the Efforts of Small Acreage Producers R. Edmund Gomez, New Mexico State University Extension Service - Ag. Research Center at Alcalde, NM
10:45 am - 11:15 am	Crop Planning for Small Acreage Production Don Bustos, Santa Cruz Farm and Greenhouses - Española, NM
11:20 am - 11:50 am	New Markets for Your Crops Mike Morris, Southwest Regional Office Director, NCAT, San Antonio, TX / www.ncat.org
11:50 am - 1:00 pm Lunch <i>Marinated Grilled Chicken</i>	Keynote Address: Research at Texas AgriLife-Corpus Christi and Weslaco Dr. Juan Landivar - Professor and Resident Director - Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Centers - Corpus Christi and Weslaco
1:00 pm - 1:15 pm	Trade Show - Visit vendor booths and displays Break / Refreshments / Register for a door prize giveaway
1:15 pm - 2:00 pm	Integrated Pest Management and Pesticide Laws (CEUs) Daniel Jackson, Pesticide Inspector, Texas Department of Agriculture, San Antonio, TX
2:05 pm - 2:35 pm	Creating Local Farm and Food Communities in Texas Pamela Walker, Local Farm and Food Community Developer, Houston, TX
2:35 pm - 3:00 pm	Trade Show - Visit vendor booths and displays Break / Refreshments / Register for a door prize giveaway
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm	From Vines to Wine Norma Linda Sanchez, Monte Alto Vineyard, Edinburg, TX
3:35 pm - 4:05 pm	Commercial Establishment of Grapevines in South Texas Penny Adams, Texas AgriLife Extension Service - Fredericksburg, TX
4:05 pm - 4:30 pm	Complete Event Surveys - Door prizes - Adjourn Event Compost Tea coupons worth \$0.50 for a \$2.00 gallon will be available at the registration table To get your compost tea, contact the TPSL lab at 956-383-0739 or email norma@tpsl.biz

CONFERENCE LOCATION




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 USDA-Risk Management Agency
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 New Mexico State University-Alcalde, NM
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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Register Early!

Conference Web Site: <http://sustainableagrgv.org/>
 Registration Form: <http://sustainableagrgv.org/2012%20Participant%20Registration%20Form.pdf>

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Van Tour - Friday	(includes lunch)	\$50
Conference Friday and Saturday	(includes dinner Friday and lunch Saturday)	\$99
Conference Saturday only	(includes lunch)	\$55
All inclusive Conference Registration – Van Tour, Fri. & Sat.		\$145

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