



Arkansas Blackberry Growers Association

2nd Annual Winter Meeting- February 8th, 2020

University of Arkansas State Extension Office, 2301 S. University, Little Rock, AR

	Topic	Speaker
8:30-9:00 am	Registration and Visit Trade Show	
9:00-9:30 am	Insect Management and Paraquat Update	Dr. Aaron Cato IPM Specialist, Univ. of Arkansas
9:30- 10:00 am	Blackberry Disease Occurrence and Identification: Report from the UA Plant Diagnostic Clinic	Sherrie Smith Director of the UA Plant Diagnostic Clinic Univ. Of Arkansas
10:00-10:30am	Air blast and Sprayer Calibration	Jason Davis Application Technologist, UA Cooperative Extension Service
10:30-10:45 am	Break and Visit Trade Show	
10:45-11:15 am	RCA Research Updates	Dr. Amanda McWhirt Horticulture Specialist, Univ. of Arkansas
11:15-12:00	Variety Updates and Season Reflections	Dr. John Clark Distinguished Professor, Dept. Horticulture, Univ. of Arkansas
12:00-1:15	<i>Lunch and Association Meeting</i>	Lunch sponsored by <i>Wish Farms</i>
1:15-2:00 pm	Prohexadine Calcium for Blackberry, Research Updates	Dr. Thomas Kon <i>North Carolina State University</i> <i>Ritter Farms Sponsored Talk</i>
2:00-2:30 pm	Blackberry Market Update	Jose Saca Director of Operations Blackberries & Raspberries, Wish Farms
2:30-2:45 pm	Break and Visit Trade Show	
2:45-3:15 pm	How to take samples for plant and soil analysis	Sherri Sanders County Agent White County, UA Cooperative Extension Service
3:15-3:45 pm	Food Safety	Michele McLesky McLeskey Consulting, Inc
3:45-4:15 pm	H2A for Labor	Kelly Peebles Peebles Farm
4:15-4:45 pm	Grower Profile, Ritter	Matt Wilson, Ritter Farms
4:45-5:00 pm	Raffle and Wrap Up (Prizes include Coolbot, etc.)	



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