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**Part 4 of Southeastern Strawberry School happening online July 29**

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**Fast facts:**

* No cost to register
* Register here: <https://bit.ly/StrawberrySchool21>

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LITTLE ROCK — Join horticulture experts from across the southeast on July 29 for the fourth part of a webinar series on using plasticulture strawberry production.

“In this 90-minute webinar, we’ll be discussing soil-borne diseases, cover crops, cultivar recommendations and more,” said Amanda McWhirt, extension specialist-horticulture crops for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture. “This will be the first of two webinars that are focused on pre-plant for strawberries as part of this series.”

The second pre-plant webinar will be Aug. 12.

“We are encouraging growers to attend before planting takes place in September,” she said.

The event begins at 1 p.m. EDT/Noon CDT. There’s no cost to attend and participants can register at <https://bit.ly/StrawberrySchool21>.

The agenda for this session:

* **Soil-borne disease management**- Stanley Culpepper, professor and extension agronomist, University of Georgia
* **Black root rot and soil-applied fungicides**- Phil Brannen, extension fruit pathologist, University of Georgia
* **Alternative Fumigants** - Jayesh Samtani, assistant professor and small fruit extension specialist for Virginia Tech University
* **Cover Crops & Crop Rotation** - Amanda McWhirt, extension specialist-horticulture crops for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture.
* **Regional Cultivar Recommendations**
	+ **Arkansas**– Amanda McWhirt, extension specialist-horticulture crops for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture.
	+ **North Carolina**- Mark Hoffmann, assistant professor and small fruits extension specialist, and Gina Fernandez, extension specialist-small fruits, both of North Carolina State University
	+ **Virginia**- Jayesh Samtani, Virginia Tech University
	+ **Alabama**- Edgar Vinson, assistant extension professor-horticulture, Auburn University

Find the full schedule for all six parts and see recordings of the first webinars at <https://www.uaex.uada.edu/farm-ranch/crops-commercial-horticulture/horticulture/commercial-fruit-production/strawberry-school.aspx>

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