

Producing Vegetables in Tunnels: A “Bottom Line” Workshop for commercial Growers

What:

A workshop addressing persistent and emerging challenges in using low, mid, and high tunnels in commercial vegetable production more effectively.

Goal: Help growers use tunnels more effectively, regardless of scale, setting, system, or time of year.

Plan: Discuss individual tactics and integrated approaches for including tunnels more effectively in managing crops, soils, pests, and diseases from before planting to after harvest.

Who:

The program is best for growers who have some experience with tunnel-based production or who are serious about beginning to include it in their vegetable business. Everyone present will learn from each other. Brad Bergfurd (horticulture), Luis Canas (pest management), Erik Draper (horticulture), Matt Kleinhenz (horticulture), and Sally Miller (disease management) will serve as resource people representing The OSU.

When and Where:

Tunnels 401: Making the Most of Tunnel-based Vegetable Production, Now and Later

June 21, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm; Burton, OH.

Section 1. 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, including lunch and morning refreshment break

OSU Extension Office, Geauga County; 14269 Claridon-Troy Road, Burton, OH 44021

Section 2. 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Tour of two nearby vegetable farms relying on tunnel-based production, TBD

Why

Vegetable growers and people who look to serve them need to discuss persistent and emerging production issues and possible solutions for them. This workshop will be an opportunity for growers and advisors to educate each other on major issues related to using low, mid, and high tunnels in commercial vegetable production.

How

No formal presentations are scheduled. Instead, learning will take place through interactive small and whole-group discussion. Matt Kleinhenz and Erik Draper will facilitate discussion. Responses to questions will rely on experience but they may also include pictures, drawings, publications, and other resources.

Register soon. Space is limited to 50 participants and PRE-registration is required.

Registration fee = \$20 per person (used for refreshments and lunch).

To register, please mail payment by **June 16** payable to Ohio State University Extension – P.O. Box 387, Burton, OH 44021. For questions, call or email Erik Draper (440.834.4656; draper.15@osu.edu) or Matt Kleinhenz (330.263.3810; kleinhenz.1@osu.edu).

