



CUCUMBER DAY

PRESENTED BY OPVG

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Best Western Stoneridge Inn

6675 Burtwistle Lane, London

Admission: \$30 (includes educational program, trade show, hot lunch)

Pre-registration required with OPVG.

- 9:00 am **Welcome**
- 9:10 am **Rachel Riddle** – Research Technician, Department of Plant Agriculture, University of Guelph
“Cucumber Research Report”
- 9:30 am **Dr. Mary Hausbeck** – Department of Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences, University Distinguished Professor and Extension Specialist *“Downy Mildew Control”*
- 9:45 am **Colleen Haskins** – On-Farm Food Safety Program Lead, Food Safety Science Unit, OMAFRA
“Allergen Awareness”
- 10:00 am **Panel Discussion: Cucumber Varieties – Moderator: Elaine Roddy**, Vegetable Crops Specialist, OMAFRA
- **Kristin Oomen-Sekenske**, Sales & Product Development, Bejo Seeds & **Grace Kenny**, Bejo Seeds
 - **Robert Grohs**, Crop Specialist, Rijk Zwaan
 - **Rachel Riddle**, Research Technician, Department of Plant Agriculture, University of Guelph
- 10:25 am **Break**
- 10:35 am **Dr. Inderjot Chahal** – Post-Doctoral Fellow, University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus
“Soil Health and Crop Yield”
- 10:50 am **Elaine Roddy** – Vegetable Crops Specialist, OMAFRA *“New Opportunities and Solutions in Pest Management”*
- 11:10 am **Dr. Mary Hausbeck** – Department of Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences, University Distinguished Professor and Extension Specialist *“Phytophthora”*
- 11:25 am **Taste Test** – Can you Taste the Difference?
- 11:40 am **Panel Discussion: Improving your bottom line – Moderator: Dr. Tejendra Chapagain**, Soil Fertility Specialist - Horticulture & Coordinator - OMAFRA Soil Lab Accreditation Program
- **Aaron Dyck**, Underhill’s Farm Supply
 - **Shawn Brenneman**, Director of Commercial Growth & Strategy, CanGrow Crop Solutions
 - **Murray Gervais**, Ontario Pickle Corp.
- 12:00 pm **Lunch**
- 1:00 pm **Adjourn**

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