

2011 BACTERIAL FRUIT BLOTCH SUMMIT



**TUESDAY, OCT. 25
9 AM-5 PM**



**WED., OCT. 26
8 AM-12 PM**



**UGA TIFTON CAMPUS CONFERENCE CENTER
TIFTON, GA - I-75 - EXIT 64**

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October 25th

- 8:00-9:00 Registration/Check-in
9:00 – 9:30 Introduction
9:30 – 10:15 Biology and Distribution of *Acidovorax citrulli* - Ron Walcott, Assoc. Professor, UGA
10:15 – 11:00 Transmission of BFB and Implications on Seed Testing – Bhabesh Dutta, UGA Post Doctoral Researcher
11:00 – 11:45 Sakata's BFB Exclusion Program – Randy Johnson, Sakata Plant Pathologist
11:45 – 1:15 Lunch Provided
1:15 – 2:00 Harris Moran Seed Production – Ken Kitz, Harris Moran Seed Supply Manager
2:00 – 2:45 California Seed and Plant Lab Methods – Parm Randhawa, Founder of CS&PL
2:45 – 3:30 Break
4:00 – 4:45 STA Seed Testing Methods – John Mizicko, President, STA Labs
4:45 – 5:30 Statistics of Seed Testing – Ron Gitaitis, Professor, UGA
7:00 PM Supper at Blackshank

October 26th

- 8:00 – 8:20 Agdia Diagnostic Kits for BFB Detection – Francisco Filho, Senior Plant Virologist, Agdia
8:20 – 8:40 Growing Watermelon Transplants – Tommy Smith, Consultant
8:40 – 9:10 Handling and Regulating Greenhouse BFB Epidemics – George Hayslip, Commercial Feed and Seed Regulatory Programs, Florida Dept. of Ag.
9:10 – 9:50 Legal Issues – Bob High
9:50 – 10:15 Break
10:15 – 10:45 Managing BFB in the Field – David Langston, Professor, UGA
10:45 – 12:00 Round Table Discussion
12:00 – 1:00 Box Lunch – Round Table Discussion
1:00 – 2:00 Wrap Up