



# GREAT PLAINS GROWERS CONFERENCE 2026

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## SATURDAY TRACK SCHEDULE

January 10, 2026



	SMALL FRUITS	IPM	PROTECTED CULTURE	CUT FLOWERS	ORGANIC/ REGEN AG
Session 1	<b>Updates on SWD Management in Small Fruit Production</b> Raymond Cloyd K-State Extension Entomologist	<b>Weed Control in Vegetables</b> Sam Oschwald Tilton Glaciel Drift Enterprises	<b>Winter Growing</b> Curtis Milsap <b>KEYNOTE SPEAKER</b>	<b>Great Cuts for the Great Plains</b> Dr. John Dole University North Carolina	<b>Soil Health Primer: 4 Ecosystem Processes, Soil Health, Function &amp; Fertility</b> Margit Kaltenekker KState Extension
Session 2	<b>Primocane Blackberry Production in High Tunnels</b> Lab of Jesse Carrol, Missouri State University	<b>Fusarium disease management in Solanaceous crops</b> Dr. Peng Tian University of Missouri	<b>High Tunnel Cucumbers</b> Wenjing Guan Purdue University	<b>Seed to Sale</b> Lynn and Tim Windmeyer Homeplace Fields St. Joseph MO	<b>4 R's of Regenerative Ag</b> Steve Diver Farm Superintendent University of Kentucky
Session 3	<b>Oregon Blackberry Cultivars Offer Better Tasting Berries, But Will They Grow Here?</b> Jesse L. Carroll Missouri State University	<b>The Emerging Use of Biological Agents to Manage Soil-borne Diseases and Fusarium</b> Dr. Ieland Cseke University of Missouri	<b>Managing Insect and Mite Pests in High Tunnel Production</b> Raymond Cloyd KState Extension Entomologist	<b>Long Lasting Cuts = Long Term Success</b> Dr. John Dole University North Carolina	<b>NO-Till Vegetable and Composting System</b> Brooke Salvaggio Urbavore Farm Kansas City, Missouri

### LUNCH Tradeshow Posters



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Session 4	<b>Annual Plasticulture Strawberry Production</b> Wenjing Guan Purdue Extension	<b>What happens when plants get the flu? Viral diseases in plants.</b> Dr. Peng Tian University of Missouri	<b>Boosting Profits in High-Tunnel Tomatoes: Production Tips and Budgeting Tools</b> Justin Keay & Ryan Milhollin	<b>You've Grown 'Em, Now What?</b> Karen Pendleton, Pendleton's Country Market Lawrence, KS	<b>The Role of Composting in the Food System</b> Robert Hickerson Table View Farm, KS
Session 5	<b>Plant Tissue Sampling: Insights and issues</b> Randall Vos Iowa State University Extension & Outreach	<b>Rowcover or Netting to Manage Chewing Insects in Cole Crops</b> Dr. Ramon Arancibia University of Missouri	<b>High Tunnel Research at K-State OHREC</b> Cary Rivard OHREC Director	<b>Heartland Blooms Forum: Speaker Panel Roundtable Discussion</b>	<b>Biofertilizers</b> Steve Diver Farm Superintendent University of Kentucky

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