

Area vegetable growers to meet in Starlight

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For more than 35 years, vegetable growers from Southern Indiana and Northern Kentucky have been coming to Starlight to learn more about modern production of fresh vegetables. Commercial vegetable producers, like any other farmer, face many production and marketing challenges in bringing the world's highest quality products to the consumer's kitchen table. Weeds, diseases, insects, and weather uncertainties can all add up to impact the complexity of producing a safe, nutritious, and economical food supply. It can certainly be a challenge for a vegetable grower to keep up-to-date regarding the latest varieties and tools available, along with the occasional regulatory change that they need to comply with.

Growers (including home gardeners) wishing to spend a few hours learning about the latest information in the field of vegetable crop production are encouraged to attend the annual Starlight Vegetable Growers Meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2010. This annual educational program will begin with registration from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m. There will be an opportunity for participants to visit with commercial exhibitors throughout the evening to keep in touch with the latest pest control options, vegetable varieties, tools, and marketing/packaging products.

The Starlight Vegetable Growers Meeting will be held in the Barnyard Bash II building at the Joe Huber Family Farm and Restaurant, located at 2421 Scottsville Road in Starlight. Credits will be available for those folks that attend who hold a Private Pesticide Applicator certification. There will be a \$10 charge at the door ONLY for those folks who wish to receive those PARP credits. Otherwise, the program is FREE and open to anyone with an interest in producing quality vegetables. Questions regarding PARP credits should be directed to David Trotter at the address, phone number, e-mail below.

Participants are asked to pre-register to help allow for adequate preparations.

Pre-registration may be completed by calling the Purdue Extension Office in your county or by contacting David Trotter, Extension Educator in Clark County, or Sharon Beal, Office Manager, at 812-256-4591 or by email at dtrotter@purdue.edu or sbeal@purdue.edu.