Bioplastic Container Cropping Systems Conference

Iowa State University
Ames, Iowa

January 9-10, 2009

A conference to inform, plan, and identify stakeholders interested in the development and integration of emerging bioplastics technology for use in the specialty crops horticulture industry. Bioplastics are biorenewable, biodegradable, non-petroleum polymers that exhibit many of the same properties as petroleum-based plastics with minimal long-term impacts on the environment. Partial funding provided by USDA.

Tentative Agenda

Friday, January 9, 2009

1:00 p.m. Sign in

2:00 p.m. Welcome and Conference Overview
   – Dr. William Graves

2:45 p.m. Properties of Bioplastics
   – Gowrishankar Srinivasan

3:30 p.m. Break

4:00 p.m. The Technology of Bioplastics
   – Dr. David Grewell

4:45 p.m. Early Results of Bioplastic Container Specialty Crops Evaluations
   – Matthew Helgeson

5:30 p.m. Dinner and Discussion

7:00 p.m. Bioplastics: The Extension Professional's Role in Linking Science to Practice
   – Dr. Heidi Kratsch & Dr. Ruby Ward

7:45 p.m. Untapped Potential: Today's Forecast for Bioplastics and the Specialty Crops Industry
   – Dr. William Graves & Dr. James Schrader

Saturday, January 10, 2009

8:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Workshop Sessions

   Workshop Groups
   – Plastics Industry Group
   – Specialty Crops Applications Group
   – Extension and Outreach Group
   – Economics, Marketing, & Consumer Group

12:00 noon Lunch

1:30 p.m. Workshop Sessions Resume
   – Election of Stakeholder Panel
     (Four representatives from each group)
   – Collect and record information and ideas within groups

4:00 p.m. General Session
   – Summary of Future Activities
   – Farewell

4:30 p.m. Adjourn

The conference is free and open to the first 200 who register. Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast and lunch will be provided. Each attendee is responsible for their own transportation and lodging.

*** YOU MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND ***

Please register by Email to: Dr. James Schrader email: jschrade@iastate.edu

– Please include your name, organization, position, email address, mailing address, and preferred working group

– Conference details will be sent to registrants by email and will be posted on the conference website:

www.public.iastate.edu/~jschrade