



6th National Small Farm Conference

Tuesday, September 18, 2012
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Short Courses Description

1. Keeping it Safe: Good Agricultural Practices and Good Handling Practices

Moderator: *Annette Wszelaki, University of Tennessee*

Instructors: *Richard Molinar, University of California-Davis and
Elizabeth Bihn, Cornell University*

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This short-course will focus on produce safety with an emphasis on grower training and the importance of having a farm food safety plan for each farm. Participants will be given an introduction to produce safety issues including food safety hazards (physical, chemical, biological) that exist on the farm; a discussion of the main pathogens involved in produce-related foodborne illnesses; a review of Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) that can be implemented to reduce risks including worker training, soil and manure management, wildlife control, irrigation water management, and sanitary practices during harvesting and packing; and finally an update of the new produce safety regulation and the impact it may have on small farm owners. Participants will be given a flash drive with information they can use for a GAPs trainings including a template farm food safety plan, template record keeping sheets, information about audit companies and sample audits, extension publications that address water disinfection, and other valuable resources that will help the small farm owner navigate produce food safety issues.