

Registration Details:

Earlybird Registration \$50

After November 1, \$75

Register at:

<https://2017protectedaghydroponics.conference.eventbrite.com>

Hotel Accommodations:

Hilton Garden Inns

Riverview, Florida

Contact hotel directly at
(813) 626-6610

Reference **Group Room Code PAW**
to get the discounted rate.

*This rate is only available to the
first 50 reservations and until
11/7/2017.*

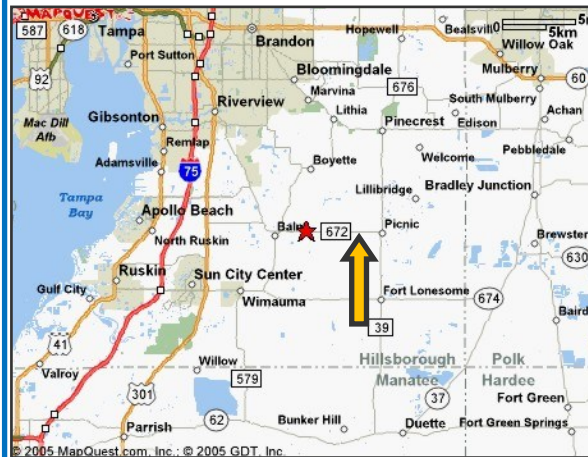
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<http://gcrec.ifas.ufl.edu>

University of Florida/IFAS
Gulf Coast Research and
Education is located in
Balm, Florida



Traveling North or South Bound
on I-75 take Exit #246 (Big Bend Road).
Follow the exit ramp to the right traveling
east to U.S. 301 and turn right at the
light. Traveling south, merge into the left
lane and as it turns into a left-hand turn
lane, turn left onto CR 672. Travel East
approximately 7.5 miles to Gulf Coast
Research and Education Center.



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**2017 FLORIDA
PROTECTED AG AND
HYDROPONICS
CONFERENCE
DECEMBER 5—6, 2017**

Day 1, Part One

Tuesday, December 5

Participants will begin the workshop touring one of two locations currently using protected ag methods. Tours will begin at 10 a.m. at both Red Barn and C & D Farms.

Hillsborough County

Red Barn Farm

12732 Thonotosassa Road

Plant City, Florida

From I-75 take I-4 East to Exit #14, McIntosh Road. Turn left onto McIntosh Road and Red Barn will be on the left



Manatee County

C & D Fruit and Vegetable Co.

16505 E State Road 64

Bradenton, Florida

From I-75 take Exit #220 (SR 64) to the right heading towards Bradenton. Turn left on SR 64 and travel to 16505 E. SR 64. If you see Uihlein Road, you've gone too far.



Day 1, Part Two

12:15 - 1:00 Lunch at GCREC

1:00 - 1:40

Tour strawberries in tunnel and field;
blackberries in tunnel
Shinsuke Agehara

1:45 - 2:20

IPM demonstration on peppers, tomatoes,
cucumbers
Hugh Smith

2:30 - 2:50

Tour net house blackberries
Shinsuke Agehara

2:50 - 4:00

Wagon Tour of field
Featuring stops at the GCREC hops yard,
pomegranates, compact growth tomatoes
and artichokes

4:00 - 5:00

Discussion regarding formation of an
association for Florida protected ag and
hydroponic growers and allied industry

5:00 Reception

GCREC Annex Patio



Day 2 Wednesday, December 6

8:00-9:00 Registration

9:00 Overview of Florida's dynamic protected
ag and hydroponics industry - Bob
Hochmuth, UF/IFAS Live Oak

9:30 Economics and budgeting for hydroponic
production - Kevin Athearn, UF/IFAS Live Oak

9:50 Break/Visit Vendors

10:30 UF trial results and grower experiences
with leafy greens grown in various structures
and systems—Bob Hochmuth and Wanda
Laughlin, UF/IFAS Live Oak

11:00 Predators for suppression of key pests -
Hugh Smith, UF/IFAS Balm

11:30 Improved water and nutrient
management - Shinsuke Agehara, UF/IFAS
Balm

12:00 Lunch, Visit Vendors

1:00 Farm to School Opportunities -
Beth Spratt, Child Nutrition Specialist,, FDACS

1:30 Grower Panel Featuring:
Randall Dasher, Dasher Farms
Darrin Swank, Swank Specialty Produce
Freddie Bacon, Bacon's Select Produce
Emil Belibasis, Bell Farms
Jon Virata, Farm at Rockledge Gardens