

OSU offers high tunnel workshop in April

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PIKETON, Ohio - Specialty fruit or vegetable crop producers can gain a better understanding of how to use high tunnels to extend the growing season and boost farm profits at a two-day workshop April 27-28 taught by horticulturists and other experts from the [College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences](#) at The Ohio State University.

The [Ohio State University South Centers](#) will host the high tunnel training on basic and advanced high tunnel techniques, said Brad Bergefurd, an Ohio State University Extension horticulturist based at the centers in Piketon.

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High tunnels are unheated, plastic-covered, relatively inexpensive structures that can dramatically extend the growing season.

The workshop will offer participants a way to gain a broader understanding of integrated pest management techniques as well as crop management in a high tunnel production system and allow participants to tour farms that are successfully using advanced high tunnel production.

Workshop sessions will include:

- * "Introduction to Integrated Pest Management in High Tunnels"
- * "Science Behind Water Quality"
- * "Food Safety Modernization Act Updates on Water Quality Standards"
- * "Risk Assessment and Activity in Water"
- * "Laboratory Representative Presentation and Demonstration"
- * "Aquaponics Production"
- * "Disease Control in High Tunnels"
- * "Identification of Management of Natural Enemies and 'Biological Insect Control'"
- * "Insect Identification and Control Recommendations"
- * "Basic High Tunnel Training Including High Tunnel Basic Techniques"
- * "Crop Physiology and Nutritional Aspects of High Tunnel Production"
- * "Petiole Sap Analysis Demonstration"
- * "High Tunnel Greens, Tomato and Berry Production"

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There will also be a High Tunnel Facility Tour including the OSU South Centers, Zimmerman Farms in Cynthiana, Mike Auker Farm in Rainsboro and Freddie Weave Rainsboro Produce in Rainsboro

Registration is \$50 and includes high tunnel management booklets and handouts, bus tour, breakfast, lunch and snacks for both days. Registration fee must be paid by April 23. To register, go to go.osu.edu/hightunneltraining2015. For more information, contact Charissa McGlothlin at 740-289-2071, ext. 132, or email mcglothlin.4@osu.edu.

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