



2026 Southeast GA Citrus Update Agenda
Tuesday, July 28, 9:00 AM- Lunch
Vidalia Onion and Vegetable Research
Center (VOVRC)
8163 Hwy 178 Lyons, GA 30436

Aubrey Shirley

9:00AM

Welcome and Introductions

Jonisa McBride

UGA Southeast Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

Speaking on Cooperative Startup

Indoor Educational Session

9:10 AM

Dr. Mary Sutton - freeze evaluations, fertilizing, irrigation, and current grower practices

UGA Extension Citrus Specialist

Dr. Apurba Barman – psyllid trapping, citrus leafminers, mites, and other pests.

UGA Citrus Entomologist

Dr. Lauren Diepenbrock – snails, cold resilience of psyllids, and other issues affecting Florida growers

UF Citrus Entomologist

Dr. Jonathan Oliver – citrus diseases and spread of greening in Georgia

UGA Fruit Plant Pathologist

Dr. Manjul Dutt – current citrus greening research efforts in Florida and future work

UF Citrus and Subtropical Fruit Breeding

Mr. Jason Mallard – emitter selection and irrigation timing

Area Water Agent

Outdoor Hands-On Session

11:15 AM

Lunch

12:15 PM-Until

Jonisa McBride

Open Discussion on agriculture commodity cooperative

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