**KVGA Newsletter** 

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The 2024 Kentucky Fruit and Vegetable Conference will be held in-person at the Holiday Inn Sloan Convention Center, in Bowling Green, KY, on Wednesday and Thursday, January 3 and 4, 2024. You may pre-register by mail (download the form here) or online (https://2024KYFruitVegConf.eventbrite.com).

The event will begin on Tuesday, January 2 with a pre-conference Farmers Market Short Course, Farm Food Safety Plan Writing Workshop, and a Bringing the Farm to School Grower Training followed by Vegetable and Tree and Small Fruit Grower Discussions.

Conference sessions (<u>full program can be downloaded here</u>) include Direct Marketing, Commercial Vegetable Production (beginner and advanced), Organic Production, Protected Ag (High Tunnel) Production, Marketing and Business Management, a Cut Flower Short Course and more new educational tracks. We have many growers on the program as well as a number of excellent out-of-state speakers this year and our <u>trade show</u> will feature more than 60 exhibitors.

Note that registration includes the Exhibitor/Grower (Wednesday) and Conference (Thursday) Luncheons planned featuring Kentucky Proud products. A Trading Post bulletin board will be available to sell used equipment, so bring along any descriptions containing your name, phone number, and the equipment price for posting.

PLEASE make your room reservations directly with the hotel at 270-745-0088 using the **block code FVC** or using the **group booking link**. Our block of rooms will be held until December 15, 2023. After this date, room prices may be higher. Be sure to let the hotel know that you will be staying for the Kentucky Fruit & Vegetable Conference to obtain our special room rate for a single or double of \$107.95. If you find that the block of rooms at our conference rate is full on or before December 22, please call Angela Price (270-393-

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8668) only to increase the number of rooms that we have blocked. The room cost includes an evening manager's reception with drinks and two breakfast vouchers. We encourage growers to stay at the Holiday Inn adjacent to the Conference Center to help cover meeting overhead expenses.

The \$50 meeting pre-registration fee or \$75 registration on site includes a year's membership in the KVGA and entrance into all educational sessions as well as lunch on both days. Pre-registration means your tickets and name tag will be ready for you at the registration table when you arrive at the meeting. Name badges will be required to enter meeting rooms. Pre-registration forms or online registrations need to be in our hands by Friday, December 22, 2023. After this date you may continue to register online or on-site at the conference at the \$75 rate. Phone registrations will not be accepted.

NOTE: we strongly urge you to pre-register as on-site registration will be \$75 and luncheon tickets may not be available.

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If you would like to serve on the Kentucky Vegetable Growers Association (KVGA) board of directors or would like to nominate another member, please designate this at registration or contact a current board member.

If you are unable to attend and you would like to remain a member of the KVGA, please complete online registration or download and return the registration form with a check to KHC, PO Box 21736, Lexington, KY 40522-1736 to continue your association membership.

The entire planning team is committed to hosting a safe and enjoyable Conference, so please check the Conference website (<a href="https://kyhortcouncil.org/2024-ky-fruit-vegetable-conference/">https://kyhortcouncil.org/2024-ky-fruit-vegetable-conference/</a>) for additional information about meeting precautions and any meeting updates.

On behalf of the KVGA Board, we all hope to see you in Bowling Green in January.

Shubin Saha, DPM, PhD
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# **EPA Announces Proposed Restrictions on Fungicide Chlorothalonil**

By Paul Vincelli, Plant Pathology Extension Specialist

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has proposed measures to reduce the hazard of the fungicidal active ingredient, chlorothalonil, to sensitive species in the environment, as well as to humans exposed during application, dietary exposure, and potentially other means of exposure. These proposed changes can be reviewed <a href="https://example.com/here/beat-state-st

The proposed changes are likely to reduce use of the compound, and this will likely impact disease control programs in turfgrasses and ornamentals. The proposed restrictions could also affect disease management in other commodity groups.

If you wish to provide a public comment on chlorothalonil to the EPA, you may do so <u>here</u>. The comment period is currently open and will close on December 18, 2023.

# 2024 KY Fruit & Vegetable Conference Overview

#### **All Times are Central Standard Time**

#### Tuesday, January 2 — Pre-Conference Sessions

| 3:00-9:00 p.m. | Registration                                      | Front Foyer        |
|----------------|---|--------------------|
| 4:00-6:00 p.m. | Bringing the Farm To School Grower Training       | Salon B            |
| 4:00-7:00 p.m. | Farmers Market Short Course                       | Meeting Room 1&2   |
| 4:00-6:00 p.m. | Farm Food Safety Plan Writing Workshop Meeting Ro |                    |
| 6:00-9:00 p.m. | Urban & Small Farms Meet & Greet                  | Hotel Bar Area     |
| 6:30-7:30 p.m. | Vegetable Meet & Greet                            | Meeting Room 5     |
| 7:30-8:30 p.m. | Tree & Small Fruit Meet & Greet                   | Meeting Room 5     |
| 3:00-9:00 p.m. | Exhibitor Set-up                                  | Foyers, Ballroom D |

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| weanesaay,             | , January 3 — Conference Sessions  | Thursday, January 4 — Conference Sessions |   |  |  |
| 8:00 a.m.<br>8:45 a.m. | Exhibits and Registration Desk Open<br>General Session,<br>Ballrooms A & B | 8:00 a.m.<br>8:30 a.m.                    | Exhibits and Registration Desk Open<br>Concurrent Sessions<br>Organic Production, Ballroom A<br>Tree Fruit Production for Experienced |  |  |
| 10:30 a.m.             | Break  |   | Growers, Ballroom B Beginning Vegetable Production,   |  |  |
| 12:00 p.m.             | Exhibitor/Grower Luncheon<br>Ballroom C                                    |   | Ballroom C<br>Specialty Cut Flower Short Course,<br>Meeting Rooms 1&2   |  |  |
| 1:30 p.m.              | Concurrent Sessions Direct Marketing, Ballroom A Tree Fruit Production,    |   | Marketing & Business Management, Meeting Rooms 3&4 High Tunnel Production, Meeting Room 5   |  |  |
|                        | Ballroom B<br>Vegetable Production for                                     | 10:00 a.m.                                | Break   |  |  |
|                        | Experienced Growers,  Ballroom C   | 11:45 a.m.                                | Wednesday Luncheon<br>Ballroom C  |  |  |
|                        | Beginning Farmers, Meeting Rms 1&2 Greenhouse Production, Meeting Room 5   | 1:30 p.m.                                 | Concurrent Sessions Funding Opportunities, Ballroom A Small Fruit Production, Ballroom B Urban & Small-Scale Farming,                 |  |  |
| 2:30 p.m.              | Break  |   | Ballroom C Specialty Cut Flower Short Course,   |  |  |
| 5:00 p.m.              | Exhibits Close   |   | Meeting Rooms 1&2 Specialty Crop Block Grant Project Reports, Meeting Rooms 3&4   |  |  |
| 5:20 p.m.              | Kentucky Strawberry Association<br>Meeting, Ballroom C                     | 3:00 p.m.                                 | Exhibit Hall Closes   |  |  |
| 6:00 p.m.              | AgVets Meet & Greet,   | 3:40 p.m.                                 | Conference Concludes  |  |  |

AgVets Meet & Greet, Hotel Bar Area



# 2024 KENTUCKY FRUIT & VEGETABLE CONFERENCE

Jan. 3rd-4th, 2024 Pre-conference events Jan. 2nd Sloan Convention Center Bowling Green, Kentucky

# 2024 Conference Sponsors









# **American Farmland Trust**

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Be ready to discuss your production challenges and ideas for educational programs to the Grower Meet & Greet (aka Grower Roundtable) on Tuesday evening!

We will be giving away a CoolBot and several useful books. And don't miss these great vegetable sessions!

#### Wednesday, Jan. 3 Afternoon

#### (4) VEGETABLE PRODUCTION FOR EXPERIENCED GROWERS

Ballroom C
Kathryn Pettigrew, Presiding

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4:10 p.m. New Vegetable Cultivars for 2024 — Logan Cecil and Kevin Hosey

#### Thursday, Jan. 4 Morning

#### (9) BEGINNING VEGETABLE PRODUCTION

Ballroom C Ray Tackett, Presiding

| 8:00 a.m. KVGA Annual Business Meeting   |
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| 8:30 a.m. Broccoli and Biopesticides: Pains, Gains, and Essential Oil Insights — Sarah Clark                         |
| 9:00 a.m. Watermelon Production Basics — Wenjing Guan  |
| 9:30 a.m. Mildew and You: Understanding Downy vs. Powdery — Nicole Gauthier  |
| 10:00 a.m. Cider/Coffee Break and Visit Exhibits — Foyer Areas and Ballroom D  |
| 10:40 a.m. On-Farm Water Management Grower Panel — Kenya Abraham, Zeldon Angel, Cindy Finneseth, and Ford Waterstrat |

#### (12) HIGH TUNNEL PRODUCTION

Meeting Room 5
Jessica Wells, Presiding

| 8:30 a.m. | Winter Production: Successes, S | Struggles, a | and Considerations | Grower Panel — | Tony Silvernail, |
|-----------|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|
|           | John Bell, and Nathan Howell    |              |                    |                |                  |

- 9:00 a.m. continued
- 9:30 a.m. Using Row Cover for Low and Meso Tunnels Dave Gonthier
- 10:00 a.m. Cider/Coffee Break and Visit Exhibits
- 10:40 a.m. Irrigating in High Tunnels: Watering Methods and Management Highlighting Micro Drip Irrigation
   Kayla Preston
- 11:10 a.m. High Tunnel Lettuce Production: Planting Dates, Fertility, Cultivars, and Management Rachel Rudolph

# University of Kentucky Extension Enhances Small-Scale Specialty Crop Production

Kentucky ranks 5th in number of farms but 38th in farm size. More than 20% of the farms are less than 9 acres, many of which grow specialty crops like fruits and vegetables. Kentucky also has the largest number of high tunnels - which extend the growing season and provide protection for crops - in the Southeast.

# **Extension supports the small-scale specialty crop industry with research-based programming and outreach efforts.**



Education and training translates research into actionable knowledge and promotes best practices for specialty crop production. Extension Specialists and Associates provide workshops, trainings, seminars, field days, demonstrations and educational resources on various topics to enhance the production, management and marketing of specialty crops. The UK Extension Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program provides technical guidance and research-based education and outreach to help farmers address disease, insect and weed management. The UK Pesticide Safety Education Program provides training and certification of private pesticide applicators to support safe and responsible use.







Virtual and hybrid programming make research-based education and resources available and accessible to specialty crop farmers. Extension offers on-demand videos and livestreamed virtual field days and demonstrations to connect specialty crop farmers with resources.





Beginning and experienced specialty crop farmers have access to needed resources. The *UK Division of Regulatory Services* provides affordable diagnostic services for soil testing, while the *UK Plant Disease Diagnostic Lab* provides free plant health, entomology and pathology services. Likewise, the *UK Center for Crop Diversification* provides various online resources and publications including decision tools, crop profiles, market channels, market development opportunities, enterprise budget planning tools, market price reports and price indices. The center also supports produce auctions and farmers markets.

Capacity building for emerging needs is critical. For many small-scale specialty crop farmers, county Extension agents are the first point of contact for technical guidance on production and management issues. Extension uses a train-the-trainer model, where specialists teach county agents who then provide technical assistance to growers, to build and sustain the capacity of agents to help farmers.



Extension Impact Brief #3, Fall 2023

## Results

# Center for Crop Diversification (CCD) Outcomes

167

CCD supported farmers markets across the state

405

KY producers used CCD's Horticulture Business Quiz to explore new crop and market options

65K

users visited the CCD website in 2023

200,000+ publications and other resources downloaded from the CCD website in 2023

## Commercial Horticulture Outcomes

694

growers adopted techniques that extend the growing season

131

growers conducted foliar tissue testing

460

growers implemented irrigation systems

852

growers planned and practiced crop rotation

600+

new pesticide applicators

10K+

clients/farmers trained and certified on pesticide safety and pest management strategies

1,600+

farmers and farmers market vendors gained knowledge of crop diversification 580+

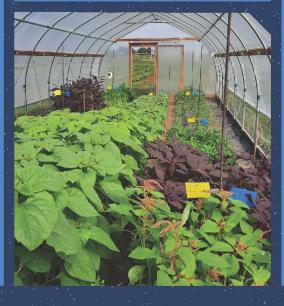
growers diversified their crops

500

growers, researchers, and technical service providers attend the two-day Kentucky Fruit and Vegetable conference and pre-conference events each year

170

educational videos focused on specialty crops have attracted 1,644 subscribers and nearly 190,000 views



### Links



Vegetable Scouting Guides



Vegetable Crops Extension & Research

Cooperative Extension Service

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#### UPDATE FROM UK VEGETABLE EXTENSION

#### UPDATED EXTENSION PUBLICATION

An IPM Scouting Guide for Common Problems of Cucurbit Crops in Kentucky (ID-91) is now available online. <a href="http://www2.ca.uky.edu/agcomm/pubs/id/id91/id91.pdf">http://www2.ca.uky.edu/agcomm/pubs/id/id91/id91.pdf</a>. Printed copies will be available in early 2024. Check with your county Extension agent if you would like a hard copy of this publication.

#### NEW RESEARCH RESULTS PUBLISHED

There are two new publications that may be of interest to vegetable growers.

Rudolph RE, Dixon E, Munir M, Leonberger K, Pettigrew K, Polo M, Smith HS, Bajek V, Irwin L, Gauthier NA. 2023. Potential for cultural management of lettuce drop (*Sclerotinia sclerotiorum*) in high tunnels through modification of soil moisture, planting date, and cultivar. Plant Health Progress <a href="https://doi.org/10.1094/PHP-07-23-0069-RS">https://doi.org/10.1094/PHP-07-23-0069-RS</a>

This paper discusses the results of a two year study that was a collaboration between the Rudolph and Gauthier labs. We evaluated planting dates, irrigation regimes, and different lettuce varieties to see if any of those factors affected lettuce drop in spring-planted lettuce.

Rudolph RE, Bajek V, Munir M. 2023. Effects of soil solarization and grafting on tomato yield and Southern root-knot nematode population densities. HortScience 58(11):1443-1449. <a href="https://doi.org/10.21273/HORTSCI17396-23">https://doi.org/10.21273/HORTSCI17396-23</a>

This paper discusses the results of two on-farm experiments in which we were evaluating soil solarization and different tomato cultivars for management of root-knot nematode in high tunnels. Both high tunnels where we conducted these experiments were owned and operated by commercial growers. Thank you to the growers who participated in this project and allowed us to conduct research on their farms. Without you, this work would not be possible.

The pdf for both of these papers is available to download here: <a href="https://vegcrops.ca.uky.edu/peer-review-publicationsjournal-articles">https://vegcrops.ca.uky.edu/peer-review-publicationsjournal-articles</a>

#### **UK Veg Crops Social Media**

#### Facebook

KY Fruit & Veg Extension - https://www.facebook.com/KYFruitVegExtension/

Diseases of Vegetables, Fruit, & Hemp - https://www.facebook.com/KYPlantDisease/

UK REC Hort - https://www.facebook.com/people/Ukrec-Hort-Group/100057676561088/

Ag Weather - https://www.facebook.com/ukagweather

UK Robinson Center - https://www.facebook.com/ukrobinsoncenter/

University of Kentucky Ag Programs - https://www.facebook.com/UKANR/

Center for Crop Diversification - https://www.facebook.com/CenterforCropDiversification

#### Instagram

KY Fruit & Veg Extension - @KY\_Fruit\_Veg\_Extension

University of Kentucky Vegetable Crops Extension & Research - @uky\_veg\_crops

#### Twitter

KY Fruit & Veg Extension - @KYFruit\_VegExtn https://twitter.com/KYFruit\_VegExtn

KY Plant Disease - @KYPlantDisease <a href="https://twitter.com/kyplantdisease?lang=en">https://twitter.com/kyplantdisease?lang=en</a>

UKY Entomology Extension Specialist, Dr. Jonathan Larson - @bugmanjon https://twitter.com/bugmanjon

UK Extension - @UKExtension <a href="https://twitter.com/ukextension?lang=en">https://twitter.com/ukextension?lang=en</a>

UK Ag Weather Center - @UKAGweather <a href="https://twitter.com/ukagweather?lang=en">https://twitter.com/ukagweather?lang=en</a>

Southern IPM Center - @southernipm https://twitter.com/southernipm?lang=en

#### YouTube

Kentucky Vegetable Crops Extension & Research – <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6JyU2Fdo3Yvml4y7LF0M4A">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6JyU2Fdo3Yvml4y7LF0M4A</a>
Kentucky Fruit and Vegetable Extension – Nicole Gauthier, Plant Disease - <a href="https://www.youtube.com/c/NicoleGauthier">https://www.youtube.com/c/NicoleGauthier</a>

#### **UK Extension Resources for Commercial Vegetable Production**

The University of Kentucky Vegetable Extension team provides numerous resources for commercial vegetable growers regarding production and pest management. The following list details the resources provided by University of Kentucky specialists in horticulture, entomology, and plant pathology.

#### **College of Agriculture Publications**

Ag Communications - <a href="http://www2.ca.uky.edu/agcomm/pubs.asp">http://www2.ca.uky.edu/agcomm/pubs.asp</a>

#### Departmental Websites (publications, fact sheets, videos)

Ag Economics - http://agecon.ca.uky.edu/extension

Biosystems Engineering (Ag Weather) - http://weather.uky.edu/

Center for Crop Diversification -https://www.uky.edu/ccd/

Entomology - https://entomology.ca.uky.edu/entfacts/

Horticulture - https://www.uky.edu/hort/documents-list-commercial-fruit-nut

Forestry - <a href="http://forestry.ca.uky.edu/wildlife">http://forestry.ca.uky.edu/wildlife</a>

Plant Pathology - <a href="http://plantpathology.ca.uky.edu/extension/publications">http://plantpathology.ca.uky.edu/extension/publications</a>

Plant and Soil Sciences - <a href="https://pss.ca.uky.edu/extension15">https://pss.ca.uky.edu/extension15</a>

#### Newsletters

KY Pest News - https://kentuckypestnews.wordpress.com/

#### **Email Alert Listserv, Vegetables**

Subscribe at <a href="https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV">https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV</a> cCtU7usSqWbyZq6

#### **Vegetable-Specific Websites**

Mobile version of Vegetable Scouting Guides – <a href="https://veggiescout.ca.uky.edu/">https://veggiescout.ca.uky.edu/</a> Vegetable Crops Extension & Research Website - <a href="https://vegcrops.ca.uky.edu/">https://vegcrops.ca.uky.edu/</a> Plant Pathology Vegetable Extension Publications – <a href="https://plantpathology.ca.uky.edu/extension/">https://plantpathology.ca.uky.edu/extension/</a> publications#VegetableCrops

#### **Lab Services**

Plant Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (free) submit samples through county Extension offices Soil Testing (fees vary) submit through county extension offices - <a href="https://www.rs.uky.edu/soil/redirect.php">https://fsic.ca.uky.edu/soil/redirect.php</a> Food Systems - <a href="https://fsic.ca.uky.edu/">https://fsic.ca.uky.edu/</a>

#### **County Agents**

UK Extension Service - http://extension.ca.uky.edu/county



#### Save the Date: KY Local Food Systems Summit

The 6th annual Kentucky Local Food Systems Summit will be held in Lexington on March 20, 2024.

This event is designed to bring together local food systems stakeholders from across Kentucky who are committed to learning and collaborating to strengthen our local food and farm economy.

The summit is co-hosted by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) and The Food Connection at the University of Kentucky, in partnership with Bluegrass Farm to Table, and the Kentucky Center for Ag and Rural Development.



\*NONINSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Help KY fruit & vegetable growers set a local pricing basis for crop insurance claims!

Without KY specific data, growers will have to use national data that may be significantly lower than local prices.

No NAP coverage required to take the survey!

NAP FRUIT SURVEY



NAP VEGETABLE SURVEY





SCAN THE CODES TO TAKE
THE QUICK SURVEYS



Direct links to surveys:

Vegetable Survey: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NAPVEG2023">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NAPVEG2023</a>
Fruit Survey: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NAPFruit2023">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NAPFruit2023</a>

#### Review of KVGA Member Benefits

Many KVGA members join during the annual KY Fruit & Vegetable Conference and don't realize the other benefits associated with membership in our organization. We've highlighted several below and encourage you to find out more if you aren't taking advantage of them all.

| ☐ An <b>extensive network</b> of Kentucky growers with  |
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| experience and enthusiasm for growing produce.          |
| ☐ Access to 20 different Anthem health care plans       |
| through the KY Ag Health Care Trust.                    |
| ☐ \$2,000 Accidental Death & Dismemberment no-          |
| cost policy with American Income Life Insurance         |
| Company (AIL). Members receive a letter and response    |
| card in the mail.                                       |
| ☐ Free subscription to <i>American Vegetable Grower</i> |
| magazine for one year                                   |

☐ Early notification of **KVGA-sponsored educational events like** grower-buyer meet-ups

☐ Authorization to use **24-c local needs pesticide registrations** 

☐ Exclusive member content online http://kyvga.org/

☐ Free postings on the KHC **Trading Post** electronic bulletin board (https://kyhortcouncil.org/trading-post/)

 $\Box$  Free **quarterly newsletter**. Enjoy this issue — there is a lot of great content.

If you want to make suggestions about member benefits or have ideas for future newsletter content or events, please feel free to contact any KVGA officer or Board Member.

# Additional Member Benefit at No Cost!

Through a partnership with American Income Life Insurance Company, an Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefit and other no-cost offers are being provided to all members of Kentucky Vegetable Growers Association.

Learn more at MyBenefits.AlLife.com
Enter access code: SGNRM

This is a solicitation for insurance.

An AlL representative will contact members who return the reply card by mail or respond online to arrange a convenient time to deliver their certificate of coverage and other no cost offers and review other supplemental insurance benefits that may be available.



**Amanda Cross**, AIL Public Relations 859-229-5369 | ascross@AILife.com

#### **KSU Regional Water Testing Labs**

Kentucky State University (KSU) has opened regional water testing labs for growers interested in having their production and post-harvest ag water sources tested. This program is voluntary and can help growers comply with requirements under the Food Safety Modernization Act Produce Safety Rule (FSMA PSR).

Labs are operating in Bowling Green (Warren Co), Hodgenville (LaRue Co), Frankfort (Franklin Co), and Whitesburg (Letcher Co). Testing for *E. coli* in surface and ground water samples is free to Kentucky growers and results are available approximately 1 week after sample submission. The results can be used for your Farm Food Safety Plan, Ag Water Quality Plan, and other certification programs.

For more information about scheduling a time to drop off samples, contact: Kevin Gurtowski (<u>kevin.gurtowski@kysu.edu</u>) or John Thomas (<u>john.thomas1@kysu.edu</u>).

#### **Grant Support for Produce Growers**

Did you know the Agribusiness Grant Facilitation Program (AGFP) of the Kentucky Center for Ag and Rural Development (KCARD) helps Kentucky agribusinesses learn about and apply for funding?

With the support of business planning and technical assistance available through KCARD, the program is able to help hard-working applicants put together strong grant applications.

KCARD frequently assists growers with:

- identifying funding options;
- determining eligibility for grant programs;
- working through required registrations;
- understanding the grant requirements; and
- reviewing grant applications.

For more information, check out KCARD's AGFP website:

https://www.kcard.info/find-funding

#### **Upcoming Industry Events**



# 2024 KENTUCKY FRUIT & VEGETABLE CONFERENCE

Jan. 3rd-4th, 2024 Pre-conference events Jan. 2nd

Sloan Convention Center Bowling Green, Kentucky Do you have a question about production, marketing or another veggie-



related topic? Send in your question and you may see it answered in a future newsletter!

# Info@KyVGA.org

## Register Now!

2024 Kentucky Fruit & Vegetable Conference

Jan. 2 — Pre-Conference Events

Jan. 3-4 — Educational Sessions & Trade Show

