

## REGISTRATION

### The Lodge at Brainerd Lakes

6967 Lake Forest Road  
Baxter, MN 56425

February 8-9, 2012

Cost \$100\* per person.

**Statewide Conference** registration and payment must be postmarked by January 30, 2012. \*Registration fee postmarked after January 30 is \$125. Fee includes supper February 8, breakfast rolls and lunch February 9, all breaks and educational materials.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to register for the **Beginning High Tunnel Grower Workshop** which has a separate registration fee of **\$40**; includes lunch February 8.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Please make checks payable to University of Minnesota)

*A block of rooms has been reserved at The Lodge at Brainerd Lakes for \$79. Call 877-687-5634 by January 30, 2012, to guarantee this reduced rate.*

Contact information and location to mail registration to:

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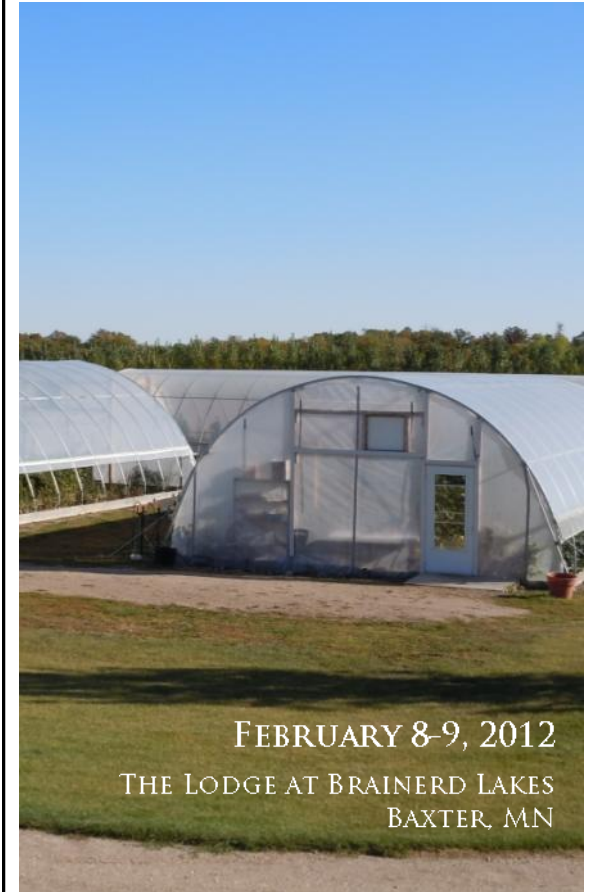


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## MINNESOTA STATEWIDE HIGH TUNNEL CONFERENCE



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## JOIN US!

...for 2 days of the latest research, demonstration reports and grower discussions on high tunnels and season extension in Minnesota. This statewide conference will include University of Minnesota faculty and staff presenters along with feature presentations from university guest speakers: Mary Gardiner, Ohio State University—*Identifying & Enhancing Beneficial Insects*; Russ Groves, University of Wisconsin—*Managing & Controlling Whiteflies, Aphids & Other Serious High Tunnel Insects*; and Cary Rivard, Kansas State University—*The Art of Grafting High Tunnel Plants*.

Great speakers from public and private organizations and several growers will also share their expertise and new ideas for managing high tunnels. Always a popular event, the evening 'bull session' will be a great opportunity to meet other growers, discuss issues and develop suggestions for future research.

For those just getting started, there will be a Beginning High Tunnel Grower Workshop on Wednesday, February 8, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, just before the Minnesota Statewide High Tunnel Conference.

**Note:** Some speakers may join by telecommunications link.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

### BEGINNING HIGH TUNNEL GROWER WORKSHOP

8:30AM-12:00PM

Session is designed for those that are just getting started with high tunnel production, or those that need a refresher course. Session is separate from the main conference. Topics include:

- Basics of high tunnel production
- High tunnel soil fertility
- High tunnel irrigation
- Basics of high tunnel economics

***This session has a separate fee of \$40, which includes lunch and refreshments.***

### MN STATEWIDE HIGH TUNNEL CONFERENCE

12:45-5:45PM—SESSION TOPICS

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| 12:45-1:00p | Introduction & Updates  |
| 1:00-2:15p  | Identifying & Enhancing Beneficial Insects                          |
| 2:15-2:30p  | Break   |
| 2:30-3:15p  | Enhancing Production & Quality with Bumblebees in High Tunnels      |
| 3:15-3:45p  | Identifying Potential, Virus & Bacterial Diseases in High Tunnels   |
| 3:45-4:30p  | High Tunnel Coverings, Screens & Exclusion Materials                |
| 4:30-5:00p  | The Why's and How's of Pruning and Spacing Tomatoes in High Tunnels |
| 5:00-5:20p  | The Minnesota High Tunnel Network Proposal                          |

5:45-6:45PM—SUPPER IS SERVED

7:00-9:00PM—GROWER BULL SESSION

High Tunnel Problem Solving—Open Discussion—Voice Your Problems

—**Note:** Schedule is subject to change—

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

### MN STATEWIDE HIGH TUNNEL CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

8:00AM-12:00PM—MORNING TOPICS

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| 8:00-8:45a    | Maximizing High Tunnels in the Farm to School Program & Special Markets       |
| 8:45-9:45a    | Managing & Controlling Whiteflies, Aphids & Other Serious High Tunnel Insects |
| 9:45-10:30a   | Strawberry Production in High Tunnels   |
| 10:30-11:00a  | Break & Check Out   |
| 11:00-11:30a  | Supplying Enough Soil Fertility to Feed the High Tunnel Crop                  |
| 11:30a-12:15p | Economics: Making High Tunnels Pay  |

12:15-1:00PM—LUNCH IS SERVED

1:00-3:30PM—AFTERNOON TOPICS

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| 1:00-1:45p | High Tunnel Crop Management & Automation |
| 1:45-3:00p | The Art of Grafting High Tunnel Plants   |
| 3:00-3:30p | Tomato, Pepper and Eggplant Varieties    |

