2006 Florida Tomato Institute
September 6, 2006
Ritz Carlton, Naples

Morning Moderator: Gene McAvoy, Hendry County Extension Service, LaBelle

9:00 Welcome and Opening Remarks – George Hochmuth, Associate Dean for Research, UF/IFAS, Gainesville

9:10 ‘State of the Florida Tomato’ Address - Reggie Brown, Florida Tomato Committee, Orlando

9:20 Methyl Bromide CUE Status for 2007 and Beyond - Mike Aerts, FFVA, Orlando

9:40 Food Safety and the Florida Tomato Industry - Martha Roberts, UF/IFAS, Gainesville

10:00 Impact of Energy Issues on the Florida Tomato Industry - John VanSickle, UF/IFAS, Gainesville

10:20 Labor Challenges for the Florida Tomato Industry – Walter Kates, FFVA, Orlando

10:40 Potential Impact of Increased Efficiency in Harvesting and Packing of Fresh Tomatoes - Steve Sargent, UF/IFAS, Gainesville

11:00 Research Update on Grape Tomatoes: Varieties, Taste Tests and N Rates - Eric Simonne, UF/IFAS, Gainesville

11:20 Lunch and Visit Information Cafe

Afternoon Moderator: Alicia Whidden, Hillsborough County Extension Service, Seffner

1:00 BMP Fertilizer Trials in Central and Southwest Florida - Monica Ozores-Hampton, SWFREC, Immokalee

1:20 Whitefly Resistance Update and Proposed Mandated Burn Down Rule - Dave Schuster, GCREC, Wimauma

1:40 TYLCV-Resistant Cultivar Trial and Whitefly Control - Kent Cushman, SWFREC, Immokalee

2:00 Industry Updates

3:00 Adjourn and Visit Information Cafe

Two (2) pesticide applicator CEUs have been approved. Certified Crop Consultant CEUs have been requested.