

2021 Virtual Muscadine Conference Schedule

Please note that start times shown are approximate.



Monday, March 1 VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

1:00-2:30 pm Fundamentals of Muscadine Production

Qualifies for NC Pesticide Recertification Credits for categories D, N, O, and X

1:00 Establishment, production practices, weed control – *Mark Hoffmann, NCSU Dept. of Horticultural Sciences*

1:50 Management and control of insect pests and diseases – *Bill Cline, NCSU Dept. of Plant Pathology and Entomology*

Tuesday, March 2 MORNING SESSIONS

10:00 am – 12:00 pm *Qualifies for NC Pesticide Recertification Credits for categories D, N, O, and X*

10:05 Update on Seedless Muscadines

10:50 Essential Food Safety Practices for Fresh Market Growers Large or Small

11:05 The Right Grape for the Right Market & Spring Production Recommendations

11:45 Fighting Fire Ants in the Vineyard

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm BREAK & Informal breakout sessions (choose the one you want)

- Production & Disease Control
- Grape Breeding & Varieties
- Food Safety & GAPs Certification

Tuesday, March 2 AFTERNOON SESSIONS

1:30 – 3:30 pm

1:30 NCMGA's New Muscadine Winemakers Project

1:45 Defining How to Evaluate Muscadine Wines

2:20 Not Your Grandfather's Wine:

Making Dry Muscadine Wines

Sparkling Muscadine Wines

3:05 Increasing the Price Point for Muscadine Wines

Prizes from
conference sponsors
will be awarded in each
segment of the program.
Must be present
to win.

Wednesday, March 3 MORNING SESSIONS

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

10:00 Muscadine Grapes and Health: New Frontiers

10:25 Muscadines Around Our Region – Paulk Vineyards (GA); Post Winery (AR); Chautauqua Vineyard & Winery (FL)

11:15 A Vision for Regional Collaboration – Roundtable discussion

11:50 Research Projects, Prospects, and Priorities

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm BREAK & Informal breakout sessions (choose the one you want)

- Wine Making
- Wine Marketing
- Regional Collaboration
- Ag Policy Prospects and Concerns

March 3 – AFTERNOON SESSIONS

1:30 – 3:30 pm

1:30 Vineyard Spotlight – Seven Springs Farms and Vineyards, LLC

2:10 Becoming a Real Business, Not Only a Grower or Winemaker

2:40 What Can the Muscadine Association Do for You? Open Discussion

3:00 NCMGA Annual Meeting and Conference Wrap-Up

with a tribute to NCMGA President Ervin Lineberger, Killdeer Farm, who passed away in January.