Registration Details:
Earlybird Registration $50
After November 14, $75
Register at:
https://2017protectedaghydroponics
conference.eventbrite.com

Hotel Accommodations:
Hilton Garden Inns
Riverview, Florida
Contact hotel directly at
(813) 626-6610
Reference Group Room Code PAW
to get the discounted rate.
This rate is only available to the
first 50 reservations and until
11/7/2017.

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east to U.S. 301 and turn right at the
light. Traveling south, merge into the left
lane and as it turns into a left-hand turn
lane, turn left onto CR 672. Travel East
approximately 7.5 miles to Gulf Coast
Research and Education Center.
Day 1 Tuesday, December 5

12:15 - 1:00 Lunch at GCREC

1:00 – 1:45
IPM demonstration on peppers, tomatoes and cucumbers
Hugh Smith

1:45 – 2:30
Verti-Gro strawberries and leafy greens and net house blackberries
Shinsuke Agehara

2:40 – 4:00
Wagon field tour: hop yard, compact growth tomatoes and artichokes
Shinsuke Agehara

4:00 – 5:00
Discussion regarding formation of an association for Florida protected ag and hydroponic growers and allied industry

5:00 Reception
GCREC Annex Patio

Day 2 Wednesday, December 6

8:00-9:00 Registration

9:00 Overview of Florida’s dynamic protected ag and hydroponics industry - Bob Hochmuth, UF/IFAS Live Oak

9:30 Economics and budgeting for hydroponic production - Kevin Athearn, UF/IFAS Live Oak

9:50 Break/Visit Vendors

10:30 UF trial results and grower experiences with leafy greens grown in various structures and systems—Bob Hochmuth and Wanda Laughlin, UF/IFAS Live Oak

11:00 Predators for suppression of key pests - Hugh Smith, UF/IFAS Balm

11:30 Improved water and nutrient management - Shinsuke Agehara, UF/IFAS Balm

12:00 Lunch, Visit Vendors

1:00 Farm to School Opportunities - Beth Spratt, Child Nutrition Specialist, FDACS

1:30 Grower Panel Featuring:
Randall Dasher, Dasher Farms
Darrin Swank, Swank Specialty Produce
Freddie Bacon, Bacon’s Select Produce
Emil Belibasis, Beli Farms
Jon Virata, Farm at Rockledge Gardens