

# U.S. FRESHWATER PRAWN & SHRIMP GROWERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

## AGENDA

Radisson Hotel at Opryland in Nashville, TN

Friday, December 8, 2006

- 9:00 Registration / Sponsor Exhibits Open
- 10:00 Pre-Meeting Workshop for New/Potential Growers of Basic Practices in the Culture of Prawns  
Steve Fratesi, Lauren Farms, Inc.  
Mack Fondren, Mississippi State
- 12:00 Welcome  
Dolores W. Fratesi  
President, USFPSGA  
  
Joe Gaines, Asst. Commissioner  
Tennessee Department of Agriculture
- Luncheon, Freshwater Prawn Recipes (for success of an emerging aquaculture industry in the US)  
Lou D'Abramo  
Featured Speaker
- 1:30 Best Management Practices for Prawns  
Juan L. Silva  
Mississippi State University
- 1:50 Substrate in Prawn Ponds  
Shawn Coyle  
Kentucky State University
- 2:10 Fertilization Practices - New Approaches  
Lou D'Abramo  
Mississippi State University
- 2:30 Production Costs and Returns for a 10 Acre Freshwater Prawn Farm using organic fertilization  
Terry Hanson  
Mississippi State University
- 2:50 Transport of Live Prawns  
Shawn Coyle  
Kentucky State University
- 3:10 Break
- 3:40 Controlling high pH and nuisance algae in your ponds  
Lou D'Abramo  
Mississippi State University
- 4:00 Selling Prawns in a Farmer's Market  
Don Ipock, Owner, Carolinas Best,  
Freshwater Prawn Farm, Vanceboro,  
NC
- 4:20 Producing and Evaluating Value-Added Prawn Products And Other Value-Added Chemicals  
Patti Coggins  
Mississippi State University
- 4:40 Building Virginia's Prawn Industry  
Brian Nerrie  
Virginia State University
- 5:30 Reception

Saturday, December 9, 2006

- 8:00 USFPSGA Meeting
- 8:50 Roundtable Discussion -Obstacles to Industry Growth,  
New Approaches, and Research Needs
- 10:00 Prawn Industry Highlights in North Carolina  
Mike Frinsko  
North Carolina State University
- 10:20 Break
- 10:45 Genetic Improvements in Freshwater Prawns:  
Current Knowledge and Future Plans  
Jim Tidwell  
Kentucky State University
- 11:05 What's sex got to do with it? High density  
farming of unisex and mixed sex populations  
of prawns in earthen ponds  
Bill Daniels  
Auburn University
- 11:25 Synergistic effects of catfish raised in cages over  
Freshwater prawns  
Reese Blair and Jim Byford  
University of Tennessee at Martin
- 11:45 An extension perspective of freshwater prawn farming  
in Tennessee: Opportunities and challenges  
Ron Blair  
University of Tennessee at Nashville
- 12:05 Meeting Adjournment
- 12:30 Board of Directors Meeting