



31 October 2012

2:00pm to evening – Arrival to Geneva, check in to hotel, etc.

7:00pm – Van departs hotel for dinner at Billsboro Winery

1 November 2012, Jordan Hall, NYSAES, Geneva, NY

7:45 to 8:15am – **Coffee and introductions**

Greg Loeb & Laura McDermott

Morning Session – Greg Loeb, Facilitator

8:30am – **Northeast Field Updates** (45 min)

NJ – Dean Polk, Rutgers Univ.

PA – Neelendra Joshi, Penn State Univ.

MA – Sonia Schloemann, Univ of Massachusetts

CT – Richard Cowles, Connecticut Ag. Expt. Station

RI – Heather Faubert, Univ. of Rhode Island

NY – Julie Carroll, Cornell Univ.

ME – Dave Handley, Univ. of Maine

VT – Ann Hazelrigg, Univ. of Vermont

NH – George Hamilton, Univ. of New Hampshire

Ontario – Pam Fisher, OMAFRA

Nova Scotia – Debra Moreau, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

Quebec – Liette Lambert, Quebec Ministry of Agriculture

9:15am – **Southeast Research Update** (WebEx) (30 min)

Hannah Burrack, NC State Univ.

9:45am – **Northeast Research Updates** (1 hr)

Cesar Rodriguez-Saona, Rutgers Univ.

Richard Cowles, Conn. Ag. Expt. Station

Greg Loeb, Cornell Univ.

10:45am – **Grower Experiences**, what worked and what didn't in 2012 (30 min)

Nate Nourse, Nourse Farms, MA

Dennis Doyle, Atlantic Blueberry Company, NJ

Discussion & input from growers and extension personnel

11:15am – **Western Research Update** (WebEx) (45 min)

Peter Shearer, Oregon State Univ.

12:00pm – Lunch, provided

Afternoon Sessions – Julie Carroll, Facilitator

1:00pm – Economic Impact

Northeastern US Berry Grower Survey
Greg Loeb & Cathy Heidenreich

1:30pm - Discussion & input from growers, researchers & extension personnel

2:00pm – Identify and List Research, Extension and Education Priorities
Cesar Rodriguez-Saona, Dean Polk & Greg Loeb

2:45pm – Break

3:10pm – Rank the Research, Extension and Education Priorities

Julie Carroll, Dean Polk & Laura McDermott

3:50pm – Moving Forward, Funding Support Discussion

Cesar Rodriguez-Saona

4:00pm – Next Steps for Working Group

Greg Loeb

4:30pm – Wrap up, Logistics, and Adjourn

Laura McDermott

Thank you for participating and safe travels home!

Sincerely, your hosts

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