

Biological Control Conference for Ornamental Growers

Event Date: Thursday, September 18, 2025
Hosted by: Rosa Raudales & Charles Krasnow, UConn Extension

Target audience: Commercial greenhouse and nursery growers producing ornamentals plants
Location: Jones Auditorium, The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, 123 Huntington Street, New Haven, CT.
Parking: Campus lots or street parking on Huntington Street and East Rock Road.
Registration: \$70 per person. Registration includes a boxed lunch and five pesticide recertification credits for Connecticut and New England states for presentations marked with*.
Online registration at [Greenhouse Training Store](#) (or use the QR code at the right). Registration will end at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 11, 2025. The registration fee is refundable 48 hours before the event. Please note that we have a maximum capacity of 70 attendees. **Walk-in registrations are not an option.**



Program

Time	Description	Speaker
8:00 – 8:30 AM	Check-in & Coffee available	Rosa Raudales, UConn
8:30 – 9:30 AM	Biostimulants promote plant growth and enhance stress tolerance. Learn about successes, challenges, and the importance of conducting in-house trials.*	Michelle Jones Professor and D.C. Kiplinger Floriculture Endowed Chair, Dept. of Horticulture and Crop Science, The Ohio State University
9:30 – 10:30 AM	Seek & Find: Scouting for pests and beneficials in crops —Tips to find and identify pest and biocontrol insects.*	Suzanne Wainwright-Evans Buglady Consulting
10:00 – 10:15 AM	Break	
10:15 – 11:15 AM	Biocontrol Programs for House Plants and Succulents — learn how to adjust the biocontrol program when producing houseplants and succulents.*	Chris Schlegel Grower, D.S. Cole Growers
11:15 – 12:00 PM	Lunch	
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Bug Math: Counting your tiny workforce — quantify and do quality control of biocontrol products and insects.*	Suzanne Wainwright-Evans Buglady Consulting
1:00 – 1:30 PM	Break and Demonstrations	
1:30 – 2:15 PM	From Roots to Shoots — Maximizing the efficacy of biologically-based disease and pests management strategies. *	Michael Brownbridge Sr. Technical Services Manager, BioWorks
2:15 – 2:35 PM	News from the Biocontrol Industry: Learn about the new products or ways to improve the efficacy and efficiency of applying biocontrols.*	
2:35 – 2:55 PM	BioBee: A new standard in application devices for biocontrol.	Doug Barrow Technical Sales Representative, BioBee
2:55 – 3:15 PM	Koppert: Cost saving biocontrol management.	Phil Gerry Technical Consultant, Koppert
3:15 – 3:30 PM	IPM Labs: Brown lacewing and the new Crazee mite	Liz Keyser Technical Representative, IPM Labs
3:30 PM	Discussion and Questions	

* 6 pesticide recertification credits (categories PA, 3C, and 3A) have been approved for this program.

If you have any questions about the program, please email Rosa Raudales at rosa@uconn.edu.
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