

POLLINATORS AND POLLINATION SERVICES IN THE 2008 FARM BILL

Thursday, January 8, 2009 1:00 – 4:30 p.m. ACE Building, State Fairgrounds

1:00 p.m.—1:10 p.m.

Introduction and Workshop Objectives

Dr. Faith Kuehn, Plant Industries Administrator, Delaware Department of Agriculture

1:10 p.m.—1:30 p.m.

The 2008 Farm Bill, with Special Emphasis on Pollinator Provisions

Senator Thomas Carper's Office

1:30 p.m.—1:50 p.m.

EQIP/AMA/WHIP, the NRCS Programs

Timothy Garrahan, Farm Bill Program Specialist, USDA-NRCS

1:50 p.m.—2:10 p.m.

DNREC Landowner Incentive Programs

Lynne Staub, Private Landowner Specialist, DNREC

Specific Practices to Benefit Pollinators

2:10 p.m.—2:30 p.m.

Pesticides in Pollen

Daniel Schmehl, Penn State University (Ph.D. Candidate)

2:30 p.m.—2:40 p.m.

Assessment of Sub-lethal Effects of Imidicloprid on Honey Bee Colony Health

Mike Embrey, University of Maryland

2:40 p.m.—2:50 p.m.

Pesticide Best Practices

Bonnie MacCulloch, Delaware Department of Agriculture

2:50 p.m.—3:10 p.m.

Botany of Seed Mixes

Matthew Sarver, Delaware Department of Agriculture

3:10 p.m. BREAK

Environmental Benefits of Pollinator-Friendly Land Management

3:20 p.m.—3:40 p.m.

Promoting Abundance and Diversity of Bees

Heather Harmon, Entomologist, Delaware Department of Agriculture

3:40 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Grass Filter Strips and Bird Communities

Peter Blank, University of Maryland (Ph.D. Candidate)

4:00 p.m.—4:20 p.m.

Butterflies

Dr. Kitt Hecksher, Assistant Professor of Environmental Science, Delaware State University

4:20 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

Wrap Up and Program Applications

Dr. Faith Kuehn, Plant Industries Administrator, Delaware Department of Agriculture

Timothy Garrahan, USDA-NRCS Farm Bill Program Specialist

4:30 p.m. ADJOURN

Session Summary:

DE Pesticide Certification Credits: 2

MD Pesticide Certification Credits: 4

DE Nutrient Management Credits: 0

MD Nutrient Management Credits: 0

Certified Crop Consultant Credits: 2.5