

NE2336 - Improving Quality and Reducing Losses in Specialty Fruit and Vegetable Crops
through Storage Technologies

August 2, 2026
Hyatt Regency Dallas
300 Reunion Boulevard
Dallas, TX 75207

August 1: Travel and arrive to Dallas, TX

AGENDA

Meeting date: August 2, 2026
Meeting Venue: **Hyatt Regency New Orleans**
Meeting Room: **Cochrell**
Lodging: On own (ASHS rate available)
Registration cost: TBD
Chairperson: Angelos Deltsidis
Secretary: Macarena Farcuh

Sunday, August 2

8:00 am	Introductions and opening remarks Announcements: USDA Representative New business
9:00 am	Discussion (Objective 1)
10:00-10:30 am	Coffee break
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12:00 pm	Lunch (on own)
1:00 pm	Discussion (Objective 2)
3:00-3:30 pm	Coffee break
3:30-5:00 pm	Discussion (Objective 3)
5:00 pm	Adjourn for the year
6:00-8:30 pm	Dinner (TBD)

Project Objectives for discussion

OBJECTIVE 1. Adapt or develop harvest, handling and storage technologies to improve fruit and vegetable quality, increase consumption and reduce food waste.

OBJECTIVE 2. Expand and translate fundamental plant biology to develop new storage technologies and plant materials that will enhance human nutrition and energy-efficient postharvest systems.

OBJECTIVE 3. Advance our fundamental knowledge of host-pathogen-microbe interactions to maintain high-quality fruits and vegetables while reducing food loss and waste.

Suggested report numbering scheme:

1. AL (Auburn University)
2. BC (Ag Canada-Summerland)
3. CA (University of California, Davis)
4. FL (University of Florida)
5. GA (University of Georgia)
6. HI (University of Hawaii)
7. ID (University of Idaho)
8. KS (Kansas State University)
9. MA (University of Massachusetts)
10. ME (University of Maine)
11. MD-1 (University of Maryland)
12. MD-2 (ARS-Beltsville)
13. MI (Michigan State University)
14. MN (University of Minnesota)
15. NC (North Carolina State University)
16. NJ (Rutgers University)
17. NS (Ag Canada-Kentville)
18. NY (Cornell University, Ithaca)
19. ON (OMAFRA)
20. OR (Oregon State University)
21. VA (Virginia State University)
22. WA1 (Washington State University)
23. WA2 (ARS-Wenatchee)

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