**NE-1835 Resource Optimization in Controlled-Environment Agriculture**

**Annual Meeting – August 9-10, 2020, Orlando, FL**

Sunday, Aug. 9—Business meeting and station reports

* Welcome and introductions (Celina Gomez)
* Approval of Minutes from 2019
* Technical Advisor report (Adel Shirmohammadi)
* Membership Report
* Updates on member collaborative research and grant activities (past, current, and proposed)
* Strategies to reach out to new members
* Discussion on joint outputs
* Nomination and election of incoming secretary
	+ Incoming Chair is Brian from Lumigro
	+ Election of Secretary
* Announcements and upcoming events and relevant conferences
* 2021 Meeting
* Other New Business?
* Station reports will follow the business meeting

Monday, Aug. 10---We will visit two plant factories (vertical farms) in Orlando owned by [Kalera](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.kalera.com_&d=DwMFaQ&c=sJ6xIWYx-zLMB3EPkvcnVg&r=dPgnzzn1obIDzTv27LHLMw&m=iFMDC7NuIcrkP71Z5_IRXIctgHMHK5X6sD4yOF2Jrw4&s=PqpdsLEkxzLfUr9AbTcxyX-AcHECyWLuLn607wnL1-s&e=). One is a highly visual glass-glazed indoor farm located at the Orlando World Center Marriott that produces a wealth of leafy green vegetables for the local hospitality, grocery, and foodservice industries. The second is a newly built warehouse-based indoor farm projected to grow more than 5 million heads of lettuce annually.

Desired date start time and duration of the tour: Monday Aug. 10, 2020 from 7:30 am – 12 pm.

Stop 1: HyCube at the Orlando World Center Marriot (8701 World Center Dr, Orlando, FL 32821), arriving at 8:00 am.

Stop 2. Kalera’s new vertical farm [6843 S. Conway Rd., Suite 140, Orlando, FL 32812 (next to the international airport)], arriving at 10:00 am. All attendees will be required to sign an NDA and no cellphones or cameras will be allowed.