Opportunities with Tomatoes and Organics

Join us in the field to tour a research study comparing production of two heirloom tomatoes with two new heirloom-type hybrids developed by Dr. Randy Gardner.

These tomatoes are grown in four production systems:

- A conventional system using synthetic fertilizers, fungicides, and insecticides;
- The Brandt ClawEl Organic System using their newest OMRI approved products;
- What we call the Leek Organic System utilizing Serenade and Neem
- And a control using no fungicides or insecticides

Also included will be:

- A tomato taste test
- A light dinner, featuring tomatoes
- A presentation on how to grow trellised heirloom tomatoes and organic products

When: Monday, August 27, 2007 from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Where: Mountain Research Station, 265 Test Farm Rd in Waynesville, NC
For whom: all interested parties, including commercial growers and home gardeners
Cost: FREE

Project Leaders and Presenters:
Dr. Jeanine Davis and Dr. Randy Gardner
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For more information, contact Jeanine Davis or Laura Duffie at 828-684-3562.

Directions: Off I-40 west, take Exit 27 onto 19/23 South. Go three miles to Exit 104 (the Lake Junaluska-East Waynesville exit). Take Hwy 23 Business south toward Waynesville. Go two miles. At the traffic circle, turn left onto Ratcliffe Cove Rd. Travel approximately 0.6 mile, to the station sign (the road name will change to Raccoon Rd ) and continue straight. About a half mile down, the research station will be on your right.

The Farm Prosperity Project is a a three year project led by Dr. Jeanine Davis of NC State University with a team of cooperators from Land of Sky Regional Council, the Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project, Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy, American Farmland Trust, Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy, and Warren Wilson College. It is funded by a USDA-NRI grant.