



## 2015 HGSA, AAS and NGB Summer Conference & Trials

### *"Urban Ag Opportunities"*

October 5 - 9, 2015 • Dallas, Texas  
Embassy Suites Hotel, Dallas Market Center

### ITINERARY OVERVIEW

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2015

Arrive in Dallas, Texas, via Dallas Love Field or DFW International airport. Our hotel offers a free shuttle from Love Field.

**Welcome reception:** Settle in to your comfortable suite, then join **HGSA, AAS and NGB** for the evening's welcome reception.

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2015

After **breakfast** at Embassy Suites Hotel, our first stop is the Dallas branch of the **Texas A&M AgriLife Research & Extension Center**. We will visit their Water-Wise demonstration home as well as their "Food 3.0" sustainable ag project.

After an authentic **Texas-style lunch** served at the beautiful **North Haven Garden Center**, we'll make our way to the world-famous 66-acre **Dallas Arboretum** for a tour of the 2015 AAS Trials as well their award-winning gardens. That evening, we'll dine together as we celebrate at the annual **AAS Awards Banquet**.

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

After breakfast **and meeting updates** from all three organizations, we'll travel to Fort Worth to visit the **Fort Worth Botanic Garden** to see the **AAS Display and Japanese Garden**. Lunch today is at the trendy **Clear Fork Food Park** then we'll head to the **Botanical Research Institute of Texas** for a tour and the **HGSA's roundtable** discussion on market trends, industry concerns and opportunities. Later we'll indulge our senses with **tequila tasting, chocolate tasting** and an evening of flavor explosions in the hip multi-use urban area of Fort Worth known as West 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

Today we focus on the **Downtown Dallas** area as we tour **Ruibal's Rosemeade Market**, including **HGSA members container trials**, located next to **Dallas' Farmer's Market**. After lunch, we'll have a combined **NGB** panel presentation from several of Dallas' urban ag visionaries. That afternoon, continue on to Ruibal's production facility to review the extensive plantings of **2015 HGSA summer trials**. Time permitting, we'll make a quick stop at the **Klyde Warren Park** and **Parkland Hospital's Therapy Garden** before finishing our 2015 event with an **HGSA** evening of camaraderie and dining in Dallas' up and coming **Greenville Street neighborhood**.