



**Delphy B.V. and OHCEAC Present**  
**CEA Leafy Crops Event Schedule**

**February 28, 2025**

*All times are in Eastern US Time (ET)*



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**Friday, Feb. 28th CEA Research Complex (CEARC) | 2515 Carmack Rd., Columbus, OH 43210**

- 8:30 – 8:50 AM Welcome and Introductions  
*Dr. Chieri Kubota (OHCEAC Director, Ohio State University) & Stijn Jochems (Delphy)*
- 8:50 - 10:50 AM Session 1: Keynote Presentations & Discussion on R&D in Academia**
- 8:50 – 9:20 AM "LED Light Current status of LED lighting research"  
*Dr. Neil Mattson (Cornell University)*
- 9:20 – 9:50 AM "Disease management in hydroponics systems"  
*Dr. Anna Testen (USDA-ARS)*
- 9:50 – 10:20 AM "Food Safety in Hydroponic Leafy Greens"  
*Dr. Melanie Lewis Ivey (Ohio State University)*
- 10:20 – 10:50 AM Panel Discussion (Moderator: Chieri Kubota)
- 10:50 – 11:00 AM Break (10 Minutes)
- 11:00 – 12:20 PM Session 2: Keynote Presentations & Discussion on R&D in Industries**
- 11:00 – 11:20 AM "Year-Round Production of High-Density Lettuce: LED Light, Substrate, and Crop Management"  
*Dr. Laura Bautista (Wageningen University & Research, the Netherlands; formerly Delphy B.V.)*
- 11:20 – 11:40 AM "New Crops and Cultivars Tendencies"  
*Andres Cervantes Garzon (Enza Zaden)*
- 11:40 – 12:00 PM "Market Trends for Leafy Crop"  
*Marco de Bruin (de Bruin Greenhouse Consulting)*
- 12:00 – 12:20 PM "Automated Lettuce Production System"  
*Martin Veenstra (Certhon)*

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<b>12:30 - 2:00 PM</b>	<b>Lunch and Sponsor Presentations</b>
12:30 – 1:20 PM	Lunch
1:20 – 2:00 PM	Sponsor Presentations
<b>2:00 – 3:30 PM</b>	<b>Breakout Sessions &amp; Panel Discussion</b>
2:00 – 2:55 PM	Breakout Sessions (In-Person & Online)
	Group 1: Challenges for Leafy Production Panel Discussion Leader: Renato Zardo (Great Lakes Growers)
	Group 2: Technical Design of CEA Production Systems Panel Discussion Leaders: Onno Zwaan (DLVge) & Marco de Bruin (de Bruin Greenhouse Consulting)
	Group 3: Sustainable Substrates: What is the Future for Hydroponic leafies? Panel Discussion Leaders: Dr. Kyle Freedman (Jiffy) & Austin Smith (Grodan)
	Group 4: Cultivars and Product Choices: Current and Future Challenges Panel Discussion Leader: Andres Cervantes Garzon (Enza Zaden)
	Group 5: [Online] KPIs and Sustainability Panel Discussion Leader: Tom Stenzel (CEA Alliance)
2:55 – 3:05 PM	Break (10 Minutes)
3:05 – 3:30 PM	Panel Discussion: The Future of High-Tech Leafy Crop Sector (Moderators: Chieri Kubota & Stijn Jochems) Renato Zardo (Great Lakes Growers), Onno Zwaan (DLVge), Marco de Bruin (de Bruin Greenhouse Consulting), Dr. Kyle Freedman (Jiffy), Austin Smith (Grodan), Andres Cervantes Garzon (Enza Zaden) & Tom Stenzel (CEA Alliance)
3:30 – 3:35 PM	Conference Closing Dr. Chieri Kubota (Ohio State University)
3:35 – 3:45 PM	Tour Preparation (In-Person Participants)
3:45 – 4:35 PM	CEARC Tour (In-Person Participants)
<b>4:35 – 6:00 PM</b>	<b>Networking Social (In-Person Participants)</b> <b>Sponsored by BFG Supply, Enza Zaden, Gowan Midwest Turf &amp; Ornamental, Grodan, Light4Food, Phillips LED Lighting &amp; Profile Products</b>