

## 2010 Annual RAMP Meeting

The annual planning and organizational meeting of the USDA RAMP project described below will be held in conjunction with the Southeast Regional Fruit and Vegetable Trade Show (<http://www.gfvga.org/conferences/2009FVWC/ConferenceMain.htm>) at Savannah GA in January in the Convention Center (<http://www.savtcc.com/>).

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Location: Savannah Convention Center Green Board Room

Thursday, January 7 at 4:00-6:00 PM - Overview of results from 2008-2009

Friday, January 8 at 10:00AM-12:00noon - Planning of research in 2010

Friday, January 8 at 4:00-6:00 PM - Planning of outreach activities in 2010

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**RAMP Project Title:** A Reduced-Risk System for Managing Thrips and Tomato Spotted Wilt Virus in Tomato and Pepper in the Southeastern USA

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### Objectives:

- 1) Optimize procedures for using available TSWV management options and define their effectiveness, costs and benefits when used alone and in combination (mulch, resistant plant cultivars, and chemical tools).
- 2) Refine and extend weather-based models for predicting the relative favorability of conditions for and predicted timing of TSWV spread into crops in spring.
- 3) Develop a risk based decision guide for growers to evaluate the need for and the optimum combination of TSWV management tactics for their situation based on an econometric model.
- 4) Facilitate implementation of reduced risk thrips and TSWV management in tomato and pepper through an extensive out-reach program.