

GROW MAINE GREEN EXPO
Wednesday, January 21, 2026
Augusta Civic Center

2 Pesticide Applicator Credits; 5 MELNA MCN/MCSL Credits

7:30 am - 8:30 am

Registration
Continental Breakfast

Main Lobby
Hammond Lumber Auditorium

8:00 am

Grow Maine Green Expo Opens

9:00 am - 10:15 am

Keynote Speaker: Rodney Eason *Harvard University*
Director of Horticulture & Landscape
The Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University

Hammond Lumber Auditorium

“The Arnold Arboretum – A Place for Everyone to Learn Plants”

The Arnold Arboretum is Harvard University's museum of trees and a key Boston City Park within the Olmsted designed Emerald Necklace. Join Rodney Eason as he provides an overview of how a vision started 154 years ago has manifested into a beloved place for all people. He will also provide a glimpse at how the Arnold is preparing for the next 100 years with a goal of bringing more people closer to nature and illustrating the importance of plants and design within our world.

10:15 am - 10:25 am

Break, exhibitor viewing

Hammond Lumber Auditorium

10:40 am - 11:40 am Seminar:

George Grant, PhD
GGSPRO Technical Services Manager
Griffin Greenhouse Supplies

Hammond Lumber Auditorium

“Grower Case Studies: The Common, Uncommon, & Complex”

1 PESTICIDE CREDIT

Grower case studies offer a powerful way to highlight real-world production challenges and the strategies used to overcome them. This session will walk through a broad range of case studies involving both abiotic and biotic problems observed in greenhouse and nursery production, offer practical diagnostic tools, and share up-to-date cultural, chemical, and biological recommendations that can benefit growers of all types and experience levels.

10:40 am - 11:40 am Seminar:

Josh Emerson, WCP
Safety & Risk Consultant
Clark Insurance
Rose Wess, CSP, CHST, WCP
Safety Management Consultant
MEMIC

Andro-Cumb Room

“Growing Safety, Reducing Risks: A Workers Compensation Perspective”

In this discussion we will review best practices tailored to the Landscaping and Nursery Industry. Medical Management, Federal Training Requirements, Red Flags & Early Intervention Strategies to help reduce injury costs, improve employee outcomes, and foster a proactive safety culture.

11:30 am – Noon

EXCLUSIVE TRADE SHOW

Hammond Lumber Auditorium

Noon-1:20 pm

LUNCH

Hammond Lumber Auditorium

