

New Varieties of Broccoli, Cauliflower, Cabbage & Brussels Sprouts & Increasing Yield & Quality Through Plant Population & Timing

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This session will cover the newest and best varieties of cabbage, broccoli, kale, brussels sprouts, and cauliflower for Minnesota farmers. Especially in cauliflower and brussels sprouts, newer varieties make it more possible to produce an excellent and more reliable crop. Meanwhile, fine tuning both seeding dates and plant populations contribute not only to yield but to improved quality.



Debra Deis is the Brassica product manager at Seedway, living and working in Lancaster County, PA. Her broccoli and cabbage experience started in Maine while working for Johnny's Selected Seeds long ago. That led to a product development position at Sakata Seeds America, when they first established a North American location, in Morgan Hill and Salinas. While in California, she was side-tracked to the wine business, then returned to Pennsylvania as the Executive Director of the PA Wine Assn. Nineteen years ago she found her way back to vegetable seeds, with Seedway where (before this year) she traveled the country looking at variety trials. Seedway also has a research farm nearby in Hershey, which is perfect for trials that need to be visited frequently.