"Something's a-buzz on the Eastern Shore" IR-4/EPA/USDA Field Tour - June 27, 2007

- 7:00-7:45 am bus pick-up IR-4/EPA/USDA outside EPA offices at One Potomac Yard or near the Crystal City, VA, Metro stop
- 7:45-10:00 am drive to Bridgeville, DE; meet our eastern shore tour guides for the day (IR-4 Field Research Director, Marylee Ross [Univ. of MD]; Mr. Ed Kee, Extension Vegetable Crops Specialist [Univ. of Delaware]; Mr. Luke McConnell, Crop Consultant in DE
- 10:00-11:30 am visit cucumber/watermelon production and see grading/cleaning operation prior to cucumbers going to the processor for pickling; learn about importance of pollinators to cucumber growers, and examine bee hives
- 11:30 am-12:00 noon drive to Univ. of MD Lower Eastern Shore Research & Education Center (LESREC), west of Salisbury, MD
- 12:00-2:30 pm − lunch (including home-made crab soup, back by special demand!), tour LESREC active IR-4 GLP residue trials, application equipment demonstrations, examine Biopesticide sweet corn demonstration project (Dr. Galen Dively Professor/ Extension Entomologist, Univ. of MD), supported by IR-4 and EPA biopesticide grant funds
- 2:30-4:00 pm drive to Wye Research & Education Center (WREC), near Queenstown, MD; enroute visit a roadside farmer's market to browse/purchase Eastern Shore farm fresh produce
- 4:00-5:15 pm tour WREC, honey bee/native bee/other pollinators discussion with host Dr. Mike Embrey, State Apiculturist; examine watermelon study and effects of fungicides and stickers on pollinators
- 5:15-5:30 pm drive to Harris Crab House
- 5:30-7:00 pm dinner at Harris Crab House, Grasonville, MD, on the edge of Kent Narrows near the Chesapeake Bay Bridge
- Bus return to Crystal City/One Potomac Yard by 8:15 pm; those returning to NJ take Amtrak from New Carrollton Station