

Mark Parlee of Parlee Farms, Tyngsboro, MA
Greenhouse / Season Extension Session – Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2003 4:00pm
‘Grower Panel: Winds, Wildlife, and Weeds: Managing Row Covers’

Mark Parlee of Parlee Farms, Tyngsboro, MA will be discussing his use of floating row covers on strawberries, raspberries, corn and flowers. Slides of the row cover in use and resulting crop will be shown. During the panel discussion, the following topics will be addressed:

ADVANTAGES OF ROW COVER -

- Promotes early season production
- Acts as a barrier for insect control
- Frost protection
- Protection from deer browsing

DISADVANTAGES OF ROW COVER –

- Increased disease pressure (fungus and bacteria)
- Increase insect damage
- Increased frost damage and frost control
- Increased weed pressure
- Increased root disease resulting from overhead irrigation for frost control
- Deer damage to certain row cover
- Wind damage to row cover