

# WESTERN ALFALFA SEED GROWERS 2012 WINTER SEED CONFERENCE

## Sunday, January 15

1:00 pm - Begin Setting up for Trade Show

5:00 – 8:00 - Get Acquainted Reception

## Monday, January 16

7:00 am - Registration Desk Opens – Trade Show  
Ongoing

### Session 1 - Bio Tech

8:30 - Welcome – Tod Stutzman, Chairman, WASGA

8:40 - **Coexistence Update from APHIS** - Cindy  
Smith, USDA, APHIS

9:30 - **NAFA Update and Report on GOZs** - Beth  
Nelson, President, NAFA

An update of the activities of the National Alfalfa  
and Forage Alliance including a report on the  
formation of over 10 Grower Opportunity Zones.

10:00 - **“GE Traits Update”** - Mark McCaslin,  
President, Forage Genetics International  
Report on new GE traits as well as a Roundup  
Ready® Alfalfa update.

10:30 - **Break**

### Session 2 – Bio Tech

10:50 - **CCIA Pinning Map** - Larry Teuber,  
Professor, Department of Plant Sciences, UC  
Davis

A report on the California Crop Improvement  
Association's "pinning map" on which seed  
production companies pin the location of RRA  
and APS fields.

11:20 - **“Tracking the Alfalfa Round Up Ready®  
Gene: Implications for Coexistence ”** -  
Stephanie Green USDA, ARS Plant Geneticist,  
Prosser, WA

A report to include work accomplished through  
the Biotechnology Risk Assessment Research  
Grant (BRAG)

12:00 - **Luncheon** An excellent lunch with time to  
relax and meet and visit with other attendees.

### Session 3 - Research Reports

1:20 - **Using Oil Seeds to Fuel Your Farm**, Merle  
Vigil, Research Leader/Soil Scientist, USDA-  
ARS Central Great Plains Research Station,  
Akron, Colorado

A report on use of canola oil, as well as other  
oilseed products, as a fuel for farm equipment.  
Some amazing results will be reported – don't  
miss this.

2:00 - **“Ozone as a fumigant for nesting boards,  
and other wild ideas for disease control in  
leafcutting bees”** Rosalind James, Research  
Leader, USDA-ARS, Pollinating Insects  
Research Unit

2:30 - **“Weeds in Alfalfa Seed”** – Rick Boydston,  
ARS, Prosser, WA

Latest information on products available and in  
the mix for weed control.

3:00 - **“Insect Management in Alfalfa Seed”** – Doug  
Walsh, WSU, Prosser, WA

Comprehensive report on controlling pests and  
preserving beneficials.

3:30 - 5:00 - **Researcher's Poster Panel Session**

Light Hors D'oeuvres and opportunity to talk one-  
on-one with researchers.

4:30 - **Western Alfalfa Seed Research Council  
Meeting**

5:15 - **WASGA Board of Directors Meeting**

## Tuesday, January 17

### Session 4 – Succession Planning

8:30 - Call to Order— Opening Announcements

8:40 - **“Keeping the Farm/Business in the Family”**  
Corey Brock, Attorney/Partner – Brock Law  
Firm

Assisting farm/families in transition planning and  
asset protection, roles of entities and trusts in  
today's environment.

10:00 - **Break**

### Session 5 - Industry and Market Reports

10:30 - **“Update on the Endangered Species Act  
and the Biological Opinions”**, Kellie Bray,  
Director of Governmental Affairs, Crop Life  
America, Washington DC.

11:00 - **Canadian Seed and Bee Report**

11:30 - **The State of the Alfalfa Seed Industry**

12:00 Noon – Conference adjournment

