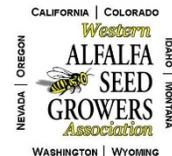


**WESTERN ALFALFA SEED GROWERS
2018 WINTER SEED CONFERENCE
PROGRAM**
Premier Conference Sponsor: *Forage Genetics*



Sunday, January 28

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm - Get Acquainted Reception – *Sponsored by – International Pollination Systems*

Monday, January 29

7:00 – **APRI Proposal Review Meeting**

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

Session 1

8:30 – **Conference Kickoff** – Shane Johnson, Western Alfalfa Seed Growers Association

8:40 – **NAFA Update** – Beth Nelson, President, National Alfalfa and Forage Alliance (NAFA)

9:10 – **Seed Industry Export Hoops and Hurdles** – Chet Boruff, CEO, Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies (AOSCA)

9:50 – **Break – Raffle Drawing** – *Coffee and Breaks Sponsored by – Northstar Seed, Leafcutters*

Session 2

10:10 – **Unmanned Aerial System (UAS)-Guided Releases of Predatory Mites for Management of Spider Mites in Strawberry** - Elvira Simone de Lange, University of California - Davis

10:50 – **DowDupont: How the Merger will affect the Seed Industry** – Ron Cornish, General Manager Alforex Seeds

11:20 – **Alfalfa Seed Production Survey (US Growers Only)**

12:20 – **Lunch & Raffle Drawing** – *Sponsored by – Alforex Seeds*

Session 3 – Research Session

1:40 – **Microbes & Alfalfa Leafcutting Bee Health** – Dr. Quinn McFrederick, University of California, Riverside

2:00 – **Enhancing and Protecting Populations of Alfalfa Seed Pollinators** – Dr. Walsh, Washington State University, Prosser, WA

2:20 – **Use of Traps to Monitor & Control Hymenopteran Pests of *Megachile rotundata* During Storage, & Incubation** – Dr. Pitts-Singer, USDA-ARS, Logan, UT

2:40 – **Revisiting Bomber Flies Control & Exploring Provision – Soil Moisture Relations** – Dr. Cane, USDA-ARS, Logan, UT

3:00 – **Nutritional and Hormonal Requirements for Reproductive Maturation among Alkali Bees** - Dr. Karen Kapheim, Utah State University, Logan, UT

3:20 – **Raffle Drawing/Announcements**

3:30 – **Presenter's Meet and Greet Social & Researchers Poster Panel** – *Sponsored by JWM Leafcutters*

5:00 – **WASGA Board of Directors Meeting**

Tuesday, January 30

Session 4

8:20 – **Welcome** – Shane Johnson, Western Alfalfa Seed Growers Association

8:30 – **Alfalfa Seed Production in Idaho – Video Presentation**

8:40 – **Linking Pollinator Behavior to Gene Flow to Improve Coexistence** – Johanne Brunet, USDA-ARS VCRU, Madison, WI

9:00 – **MP3 Update and the Pesticide Registration Process** – Erik Johansen, Washington State Department of Agriculture

9:30 – **State of the Industry Report (USA & Canada)** – Robin Newell, S&W Seed

10:10 – **Break – Raffle Drawing** – *Coffee and Breaks Sponsored by – Northstar Seed, Leafcutters*

10:30 – **Succession Planning Workshop** – Corey Brock, Brock Law Firm and Todd King, Leffel Otis Warwick PS

12:00 – **Raffle Drawing/Announcements**

Conference adjournment

Optional Tour (pre-registration required)

1:30 – **Rebecca Creek Distillery Tour (Meet in Hotel Lobby to board Bus)**