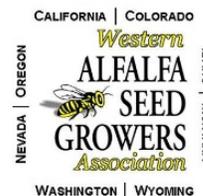




**WESTERN ALFALFA SEED GROWERS
2019 WINTER SEED CONFERENCE
PROGRAM**

Premier Conference Sponsor: *Forage Genetics*



Sunday, January 27, 2019

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm - Opening Reception – Sponsored by – *International Pollination Systems*

Monday, January 28, 2019

7:30 – Registration Desk Opens

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

8:40 – **Forage Starts Here: Risk Management Education for Alfalfa Seed Producers** – Keith Kennedy, Agrimind

9:40 – **NAFA Update** – Beth Nelson, President, National Alfalfa and Forage Alliance

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

10:30 – **The Bayer/Monsanto Merger** – Impacts on Ag – Doug Rushing, Monsanto

11:00 – **Alfalfa Seed Production Survey (US Growers Only)** – Moderated by Jerry Neufeld, University of Idaho

12:00 – **Lunch & Raffle Drawing** – Sponsored by – *Alforex Seeds*

1:40 – **Impact of Immune Stress on Pathogen Susceptibility & Life History Traits in *Nomia melanderi*** – Kate Hunter, Utah State University

2:00 – **Enhancing & Protecting Populations of Alfalfa Seed Pollinators** – Doug Walsh, Washington State University

2:20 – **Lygus Efficacy Trials in Alfalfa Produced for Seed** - Doug Walsh, Washington State University

2:40 – **Study of Life Cycle of *Melittobia* and *Pteromalus* in Populations of *Megachile rotundata* in Summer, Fall & Winter** – Alan Anderson, Utah State University

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

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

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

9:00 – **Welcome** – Shane Johnson, Western Alfalfa Seed Growers Association

9:10 – **USDA-RMA Alfalfa Seed Insurance Program Update** – Terrence Katzer, Risk Management Specialist, USDA-RMA, Kansas City, MO

9:40 – **Status of Western Hay and Forage Markets** – Josh Callen, The Hoyt Report

10:10 – **State of the Alfalfa Seed Industry** – Shawn Barnett, General Manager, Forage Genetics International

10:50 – **State of the Industries Question & Answer**

11:00 – **Raffle Drawing/Announcements**

Conference Adjournment