



**WESTERN ALFALFA SEED GROWERS  
2022 WINTER SEED CONFERENCE  
PROGRAM\***

Premier Conference Sponsor: **Forage Genetics International**

**ALL TIMES ARE PACIFIC TIME**



**Sunday, January 23**

5:00 PM – 6:30 pm – Opening Social – *Sponsored by – Corteva AgriScience*

**Monday, January 24 (Bel Air Room)**

7:30 AM – Registration Desk Opens – Trade Show Ongoing

**Session 1 – APRI Grant and Other Alfalfa Seed/Bee Research**

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

8:40 AM – **Advanced Monitoring of Established and Emerging Pathogens and Parasitoid Infections of Alfalfa Leafcutting Bee (*Megachile rotundata*) Nest Cells using Multiplex Technology** – Justin Clements, University of Idaho (Virtual)

9:00 AM – **Effects of Nutritional Supplements on Reproduction & Longevity of Alfalfa Leafcutting Bees** – Theresa L. Pitts-Singer & Diana Cox-Foster, USDA ARS Pollinating Insects Research Unit (Virtual)

9:20 AM – **Effects of spring storage duration during development on reproductive fitness in the alfalfa leafcutting bee, *Megachile rotundata*** – Kendra J. Greenlee, North Dakota State University (Virtual)

9:40 AM – **Identifying Causes of Sub-Optimal Alfalfa Seed Pollination by *Nomia melanderi*, the Alkali Bee** – Kelsey Graham, USDA ARS Pollinating Insects Research Unit (Virtual)

10:00 AM – **Break – Raffle Drawing**

10:20 AM – **The Use of *Megachile rotundata* for Pollination of Legume (Family: Fabaceae)** – Lindsie McCabe, USDA ARS Pollinating Insects Research Unit (Virtual)

10:40 AM – **Enhancing and Protecting Populations of Alfalfa Seed Pollinators** – Doug Walsh, Washington State University (Virtual)

11:00 AM – **Introducing the Alfalfa Insecticide Management Toolkit**– Dr. Kimberly Hageman, Utah State University (In Person)

11:20 AM – **Attractant for *Lygus* Bug Control** – Zain Syed, University of Kentucky (Virtual)

11:40 AM – **Grower and Industry Survey** – Jerry Neufeld, University of Idaho (Virtual)

12:20 PM – **Lunch & Raffle Drawing** – *Sponsored by – Northstar Seed*

**Session 2**

2:00 PM – **NAFA Update** – Beth Nelson, President, National Alfalfa and Forage Alliance (Virtual)

2:30 PM – **Spray Nozzle Technology**– Mike Powers, TeeJet Technologies (In Person)

3:10 PM – **Raffle Drawing/Announcements**

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

**Tuesday, January 25 (Bel Air Room)**

**Session 3 – State of the Industry**

8:30 AM – **Welcome** – Shane Johnson, Western Alfalfa Seed Growers Association

8:40 AM – **Canadian Seed Report** – Brett Wilson, Northstar Seed, Ltd.

9:20 AM – **State of the Industry Report** – Pete Theisen, President, Forage Genetics (In Person)

10:10 AM – **Break – Raffle Drawing**

**Session 4 – Keynote**

10:40 AM – **Key Note - Agriculture Policy and Trade Development** - Jim Wiesemeyer (In Person)

11:40 PM – **Raffle Drawing/Announcements**

11:50 PM – Conference Adjournment

**\*PROGRAM SUBJECT TO CHANGE**