



WESTERN ALFALFA SEED GROWERS 2020 WINTER SEED CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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Sunday, January 26 – Pebble Beach

5:30 PM – 7:00 pm - Get Acquainted Reception – *Sponsored by – International Pollination Systems*

Monday, January 27 – Bel Air

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

Session 1

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

8:40 AM – **The Legal and Political Challenges Surrounding Glyphosate** – Trent Clark, President, Customalting

9:20 AM – **NAFA Update** – Beth Nelson

10:00 AM – **Break – Raffle Drawing** – *Coffee and Breaks Sponsored by – Northstar Seed*

Session 2

10:20 AM – **Forage Starts Here: Risk Management Education for Alfalfa Seed Producers** - Keith Kennedy, Agrimind LLC

11:10 AM – **Alfalfa Seed Production Survey** - Jerry Neufeld, University of Idaho

12:00 PM – **Lunch & Raffle Drawing - Pebble Beach** – *Sponsored by – Alforex Seeds*

Session 3 – APRI Research Session – Moderated by

1:30 PM – **USDA Logan Bee Lab Update** – Diana Cox-Foster, USDA-ARS PIRU, Logan, UT

1:45 PM – **Enhancing and Protecting Populations of Alfalfa Seed Pollinators** - Doug Walsh, Washington State University

2:05 PM – **Study of Life Cycles of Melittobia and Pteromalus in Populations of Megachile rotundata in Summer, Fall & Winter** – Theresa Pitts-Singer, USDA-ARS PIRU, Logan, UT & Alan Anderson, the USU

2:25 PM – **Impact of Organosilicone Spray Adjuvants Upon the Health & Reproduction of the Alfalfa Leafcutting Bee** – Diana Cox-Foster, USDA-ARS PIRU, Logan, UT

2:45 PM – **Impact of Immune Stress on Pathogen Susceptibility & Life History Traits in Nomia melanderi** – Karen Kapheim, Utah State University

3:05 PM – **Chalkbrood Control Potential of Hypochlorous Acid in Managed Alfalfa Leafcutting Bee Populations** – Diana Cox-Foster, USDA-ARS PIRU, Logan, UT

3:25 PM – **Raffle Drawing/Announcements**

3:40 PM – **Presenter's Meet and Greet Social & Researchers Poster Panel - Shoal Creek** – *Sponsored by – Mr Pollination Services*

Tuesday, January 28 – Bel Air

Session 4

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

8:40 AM – **Selfing rates in alfalfa seed production fields** – Johanne Brunet, USDA-ARS VCRU

9:00 AM – **Insecticide Resistant Alfalfa Weevils** – Kevin Wanner, Montana State University

9:20 AM – **Leafcutter Bee Incubation and Bee Health Study** – Joe Rinehart, USDA/ARS, Fargo ND

9:40 AM – **Lygus and Weevils Research Update** – Doug Walsh, Washington State University

10:00 AM – **Break – Raffle Drawing** – *Coffee and Breaks Sponsored by – Northstar Seed*

Session 5

10:20 AM – **State of the Industry Report** – Doug Gross, Alforex

11:00 AM – **Agriculture and US Trade: Where We Are and What's Ahead** – Bill Bryant, Founder, Bryant Christie

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

12:30 PM – Conference Adjournment