



**WESTERN ALFALFA SEED GROWERS
2021 WINTER SEED CONFERENCE
VIRTUAL PROGRAM
January 25-26, 2021**



Premier Conference Sponsor: S&W Seed Company

Monday, January 25 (All Times are Pacific Time)

Research Session – Sponsored By: Forage Genetics International

- 7:30 AM – **Conference Kickoff** – Shane Johnson, Western Alfalfa Seed Growers Association
- 7:40 AM – **Introduction of Dr. Kelsey Graham** – USDA-ARS PIRU, Logan, UT
- 7:50 AM – **Impact of Organosilicone Spray Adjuvants and Insecticides Upon the Health & Reproduction of the Alfalfa Leafcutting Bee** - Diana Cox-Foster, USDA-ARS PIRU Logan UT
- 8:15 AM – **Advanced Monitoring of Established and Emerging Pathogens and Parasitoid Infections of Alfalfa Bee (*Megachile rotundata*) Nest Cells Using Multiplex Technology** - Justin Clements, University of Idaho
- 8:40 AM – **Effects of Spring Storage Duration During Development on Reproductive Fitness in the Alfalfa Leafcutting Bee, *Megachile rotundata*** - Kendra Greenlee, Professor and Chair Biological Science, North Dakota State University
- 9:05 AM – BREAK

Research Session – Sponsored By: Corteva AgriScience

- 9:25 AM – **Development of Control Protocols for *Melittobia* Infesting Populations of *Megachile rotundata*** – Theresa Pitts-Singer Research Entomologist, USDA-ARS PIRU, Logan UT
- 9:50 AM – **Enhancing and Protecting Populations of Alfalfa Seed Pollinators** – Doug Walsh, Washington State University
- 10:15 AM – **Other Alfalfa Seed Research** - Doug Walsh, Washington State University
- 10:40 AM – **Nozzles, Drift and Understanding Droplet Size** – Mike Powers, Tee-Jet Technologies
- 11:40 AM – **Day One Conclusion** – Announcements for Tomorrow's Session

Tuesday, January 26 (All Times are Pacific Time)

State Of... Session – Sponsored By: Northstar Seed Ltd.

- 7:30 AM – **Welcome** – Shane Johnson, Western Alfalfa Seed Growers Association
- 7:40 AM – **NAFA Update** – Beth Nelson, President, National Alfalfa & Forage Alliance
- 8:10 AM – **Dairy and Forage Research Center Update** - Dennis Hancock, Director of the Dairy Forage Research Center
- 8:50 AM – **Grower Survey** – Jerry Neufeld, County Chair, Extension Educator – Crops, University of Idaho
- 9:30 AM – BREAK

State Of... Session – Sponsored By: S&W Seed Company

- 9:50 AM – **State of the Industry** – Robin Newell, S&W Seed Company
- 10:30 AM – **Agriculture and US Trade: Where We Are and What's Ahead Part 2** – Bill Bryant, Founder, Bryant Christie
- 11:30 AM – 2021 WASGA Winter Seed Conference Adjournment