



WESTERN ALFALFA SEED GROWERS 2023 WINTER SEED CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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Sunday, January 29

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

Monday, January 30

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

Session 1 – Pesticide Credit Session – Moderated by Shane Johnson

8:00 AM – **Conference Kickoff** – Shane Johnson, Western Alfalfa Seed Growers Association

8:10 AM – **Herbicide Resistance: Implications for Weed Management** – Dr. Drew Lyon, WSU

8:50 AM – **Pesticide Credit Presentation** –

9:30 AM – **Spray Nozzle Technology & Droplet Size Management / Spray Table Presentation** – Mike Powers, TeeJet Technologies

10:20 AM – **Break – Raffle Drawing** – *Coffee and Breaks Sponsored by* –

Session 2 –

10:40 AM – **NAFA Update** –

11:20 AM – **Grower and Industry Survey** – Shane Johnson, WASAG Executive Director (Combine settings survey)

12:00 PM – **Lunch & Raffle Drawing** – *Sponsored by* –

Session 3 – APRI Research Session – Moderated by Theresa Pitts-Singer

1:20 PM – **Informing effective alkali bee (*Nomia melanderi*) management decisions with novel microsatellite markers and population genetic analysis**– Jon Koch, USDA Logan, UT

1:40 PM – **Pathogen and pesticide screening in managed *Nomia melanderi* populations** – Kelsey Graham, USDA Logan, UT

2:00 PM – **Assessment of Seasonal and Yearly Variability of Alfalfa Leafcutting Bee (*Megachile rotundata*) Parasite Infestation in Seed Production Fields**– Lindsie McCabe, USDA Logan, UT

2:20 PM – **APRI Report** –

2:40 AM – **Break – Raffle Drawing** – *Coffee and Breaks Sponsored by* –

3:00 PM – **Enhancing & Protecting Populations of Alfalfa Seed Pollinators** – Doug Walsh, WSU, Prosser, WA

3:20 PM – **Alfalfa Weevil and Lygus Bug Control** – Doug Walsh, WSU, Prosser, WA

3:40 PM – **Maternal Effects and Management of Alfalfa Leafcutting Bees** – Makenna Johnson Bird, USDA Logan, UT

4:00 PM – **Raffle Drawing/Announcements**

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM – **Presenter's Meet and Greet Social & Researchers Poster Panel** *Sponsored by* –

Tuesday, January 31

7:00 AM – **WASGA Board of Directors Meeting**

Session 4

8:00 AM – **Welcome** – Shane Johnson, Western Alfalfa Seed Growers Association

8:10 AM – **Pollinator Partnership – Bee Friendly Farming Certification Program** – Cody Wilson, Bee Friendly Farming Pacific Northwest Associate, Pollinator Partnership

8:30 AM – **“Tripping” out with alfalfa leafcutting bees: A career’s perspective** – Theresa Pitts-Singer, USDA, Logan, UT

9:10 AM – **Canadian Seed Report** – Kurt Shmon, President/CEO, Imperial Seed Ltd, Winnipeg, MB Canada

9:50 AM – **Challenges & Opportunities for Alfalfa Moving Forward** - Dennis Hancock, USDA-ARS, U.S. Dairy Forage Research Center - Madison, WI USA (Invited)

10:30 AM – **Break – Raffle Drawing** – *Coffee and Breaks Sponsored by* –

Session 5 – Keynote Session – Moderated by Shane Johnson

10:50 AM – **Keynote – Preparing your Farm for Future Markets** - Jon Paul Driver, Economic Specialist, Washington State University

11:50 AM – **Raffle Drawing/Announcements**

12:00 PM – Conference Adjournment