



Western Pecan Growers Association



Educational Program 2020

SUNDAY MARCH 1ST

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Sponsored Conference Reception –Azul Lounge & Bar

MONDAY, MARCH 2ND

MORNING SESSION

Moderator:

Mr. Jeff Anderson
DOÑA Ann County Extension Agriculture Agent
New Mexico State University
Las Cruces, New Mexico

9:00-9:10 a.m.

Welcome

Mr. Craig Ivey
WPGA President
Tornillo, TX

9:10-9:30 a.m.

Opening Address: What do innovations in plant sciences have to do with orchard management?

Dr. Rolston St. Hilaire
Department Head/Interim Department Head
Regents Professor
Plant and Environmental Sciences/
Extension Plant Sciences Departments
New Mexico State University
Las Cruces, NM

9:30-10:00 a.m.

Update on Rootstock Study

Dr. Jim Walworth
Extension Soils Specialist
University of Arizona
Tucson, AZ

10:00-10:30 a.m.

Pecan Genetic Improvement

Dr. Jennifer Randall
Plant Molecular Biologist
New Mexico State University
Las Cruces, NM

10:30 –11:00 a.m.

Break – Coffee & Desserts

11:00–11:30 a.m.

History and Future of Glyphosate

Dr. Leslie Beck
Extension Weed Specialist
New Mexico State University
Las Cruces, NM



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11:30–12:00 p.m.

Herbicide Injury and Recovery in Pecan

Dr. Lenny Wells
Extension Pecan Specialist
University of Georgia
Tifton, GA

12:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

WPGA Sponsored Lunch (Outside Exhibitor Area)

Afternoon Session

Moderator:

Mr. Orlando Flores
El Paso County Extension Agent –Agriculture & Natural Resources
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
El Paso, TX

1:30–2:00 p.m.

Drip Irrigation Studies (Student Research)

Mr. Curt Pierce
Graduate Student
New Mexico State University

2:00–2:30 p.m.

Dealing with Sticktights in our Orchards: Causes and Potential Solutions

Dr. Charles Rohla
Pecan and Specialty Agriculture Systems Manager
Noble Research Institute
Ardmore, OK

2:30–3:00 p.m.

Hear no Weevil, See no Weevil

Ms. Tiffany Johnson
Invasive Pest Program Specialist
New Mexico Department of Agriculture
Las Cruces, NM

&

Mr. Patrick Dudley
Coordinator for Agriculture Commodity Boards and Producer Relations
Texas Department of Agriculture
Austin, TX

3:00–3:30 p.m.

Break – Coffee & Desserts



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- 3:30- 4:00 p.m. **The Potential for a Pecan Market in India???**
Mr. Jason New
Director of the Marketing and Development Division
(former International Trade Specialist)
New Mexico Department of Agriculture
Las Cruces, NM
- 4:00-4:15 p.m. **India Tariffs Meeting in DC**
Mr. Jacob Arnold
WPGA Board Member/Grower
Las Cruces, NM
- 4:15-4:45 p.m. **Update from US Pecan Growers Council**
Mr. Brad Ellis
President/Grower
US Pecan Growers Council
Vienna, GA
&
Ms. Janice Dees
Executive Director
US Pecan Growers Council
Tifton, GA
- 4:45-5:15 p.m. **Update from American Pecan Council**
Mr. Alex Ott
Executive Director
American Pecan Council
Fort Worth, TX
- 6-7 p.m **Social Hour**
San Andres Ballroom
- 7-10 p.m. **WPGA Banquet and Awards**



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TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD, 2020

FINAL SESSION

Moderator:

Dr. Richard Heerema
Extension Pecan Specialist
New Mexico State University
Las Cruces, NM

8:30 –9:00 a.m.

Leaf, Soil, and Irrigation Water Sampling: Dos and Don'ts
Mr. Joshua Sherman
Extension Area Agent
University of Arizona
Willcox, AZ

9:00 –10:00 a.m.

Update from the State Pecan Grower Associations
West Texas—Mary Elizabeth Santos
New Mexico—Phillip Arnold
Arizona—Harold Payne
California—Mark Hendrixson

10:00– 10:30 a.m.

Break Coffee/Desserts in San Rafael Room

10:30-11:00 a.m.

WPGA General Meeting

11:00– 11:30 a.m.

Damage and Recovery from Hurricane Michael
Mr. Brent Brinkley
Georgia Pecan Growers Association President (Tifton, GA)
Pecan Grower (Mitchell County, GA)

11:30 a.m.–noon

Grower's Panel – Harvest Operations
Moderator: Dr. Richard Heerema
Extension Pecan Specialist
New Mexico State University
Las Cruces, NM

Grower Panelists:

Mr. Adam Spilsbury
Daybreak Pecans
Eloy, AZ

Mr. Isaiah Ulmer
Ulmer Inc.
Canutillo, TX

Mr. Garry Vance
G & G Farms
Corning, CA

Mr. Brycen Salopek
Quail Hollow Farms
Las Cruces, NM

Adjourn

Please return your name badges and have a Safe Trip Home