



2008 California Alfalfa & Forage Symposium and Western Seed Conference

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Town & Country Resort and Convention Center, San Diego, California

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Tuesday, December 2, 2008 – FIELD TOUR

7:45 AM-6 PM - Pre-Symposium Tour (separate sign-up)

Tour the phenomenally productive farmland of the Imperial Valley in the Low Desert of California.

1-6 PM Exhibitor Setup

6-8 PM Registration (pick up registration packets)

6:30-7:30 PM UC Alfalfa Workgroup Reception – Hotel Suites

Wednesday, December 3, 2008 – MORNING SESSION

Dairy and Forage Industry Trends

6:30-10:00 AM Registration

8:00 AM Welcome – Dan Putnam & Rod Christensen

8:10 Hay Market Trends – Seth Hoyt, The Hoyt Report, Lone, CA

8:35 Dairy Industry Status and Trends – Eric Erba, California Dairies, Inc. Visalia, CA

9:00 The Changing Nature of Dairy Rations: Effects on Forage Demand – Jerry Higginbotham, Farm Advisor, UCCE, Fresno, CA

9:25 Upcoming Environmental and Regulatory Challenges – Cynthia Cory, CA Farm Bureau Federation, Sacramento, CA

10:00 Break

Seed Industry Trends and Biotech Crops

10:30 Producing Quality Seed for the Forage Industry – Shannon Mueller, Farm Advisor, UCCE, Fresno, CA

10:50 Seed Industry Trends – Mark McCaslin, President, Forage Genetics International, Minneapolis, MN

11:10 Gene Flow and Stewardship of Biotech Alfalfa – Larry Teuber, Alfalfa Geneticist, University of California, Davis, CA

11:30 Regulatory Review of Roundup Ready Alfalfa – Virgil Meier, Biotechnology Regulatory Serv., USDA-APHIS, Riverdale, MD

NOON BANQUET LUNCH (Beth Nelson, NAFA; John Bonner, CAST)

AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Breakout Session I. Pest Management in Alfalfa

1:30 PM Alfalfa Weed Control: Present and Future Opportunities – Barry Tickes, Farm Advisor, University of Arizona, Yuma, AZ

1:50 Summer Annual Grass Control-What are the strategies? – Mick Canevari, Farm Advisor, UCCE, Stockton, CA

2:10 Poisonous Weeds and Impacts – Birgit Puschner, University of California Veterinary Diagnostic Lab, Davis, CA

2:30 Test your Pest IQ – Tulio Macedo, Farm Advisor, UCCE, Madera and Merced, CA

3:00 Break

3:30 Controlling Alfalfa Weevil and Aphids in Alfalfa – Larry Godfrey, Extension Specialist, University of California, Davis, CA

3:50 Alfalfa Nematodes: What can be done? – Becky Westerdahl, Extension Specialist, University of California, Davis, CA

4:10 Controlling the Worm Complex in Alfalfa – Eric Natwick, Farm Advisor, UCCE, Holtville, CA

4:30 IPM in Timothy and Cool-Season Grasses—Dominic Reisig, Research Associate, University of California, Davis, CA

5:00 Adjourn

Breakout Session II. Irrigation and Water Management, Manure, and Tillage

1:30 PM Water Management for Alfalfa Hay Production on Beds— Dean Currie, Imperial Irrigation District, El Centro, CA

1:50 Irrigation Scheduling Program for Alfalfa – Rick Snyder, Extension Specialist, University of California, Davis, CA

2:10 Salinity Tolerance and Management in Alfalfa – Blake Sanden, Farm Advisor, UCCE, Bakersfield, CA

2:30 Potential Perched Water Contributions to Alfalfa ET – Jim Ayars, USDA-ARS, Parlier, CA

3:00 Break

3:30 Phosphorus Runoff Management for Alfalfa in Desert Regions – Khaled Bali, Farm Advisor, UCCE, Holtville, CA

3:50 Flood vs. Pivot Irrigation for Forage Crops – Paul Brown, Extension Biometeorologist, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

4:10 Conservation Tillage, Triple Cropping and Forage Production – Jeff Mitchell, Extension Tillage Specialist, UC Davis, CA

4:30 Recycling Lagoon Water using Forage Crops – Marsha Campbell-Mathews, Farm Advisor, UCCE, Modesto, CA

5:00 Adjourn

Breakout Session III. Producing Quality Alfalfa Seed

1:30 PM Stewardship Practices for Producing Alfalfa Seed Including GE Traits – Mike Moore, University of Wyoming, Powell, WY

1:50 Breeding Alfalfa for Resistance to Lygus – Larry Teuber, Alfalfa Geneticist, University of California, Davis, CA

2:10 Lygus Management and Pesticides in Alfalfa Seed – Eric Natwick, Farm Advisor, UCCE, Holtville, CA

2:30 Managing Other Insect Pests in Alfalfa Seed – Doug Walsh, Research Entomologist, Washington State Univ., Prosser, WA

3:00 Break

