

2006 Western Alfalfa & Forage Conference
Alfalfa Tour Schedule
Monday, 12-11-2006

Hosts: Jay Davison, Willie Riggs, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension

Description: This tour features several important features of Nevada agriculture and its interaction with the rapidly-urbanizing West, including water issues and the rural-urban interface. We end up with a visit to Nevada's famous 'Top Gun' Naval Air Station, and a visit to The Comstock Mine.

8:30 A.M. Gather at John Ascuaga's Nugget near the hotel's East entrance (near parking garage). Check in with coordinators.

9:00 A.M. (sharp) Depart Reno and travel to Lahonton Dam for presentation on Newlands Reclamation Project.

9:45 A.M. **Presentation:** Newlands Reclamation Project, Lahonton Dam (Ernie Schank, Truckee-Carson Irrigation District). Mobile Museum on Newlands Irrigation Project (Coffee/pastrys on site).

10:30 A.M. Depart for Plant Materials Center

11:00 A.M. **Presentation:** USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service Plant Materials Center, Fallon, NV (Dr. Steve Perkins, Center Director)

11:30 A.M. Depart for Rick Lattin Farm

11:45 A.M. **LUNCH** – Rick Lattin Farm, Fallon, NV (Box lunch).

12:15 P.M. **Presentation/discussion:** Lattin Farm on the use of agrotourism, direct marketing of farm produce and Community Supported Agriculture (CSA's) to increase farm income. Presentation on the Alfalfa Education project for school children on Lattin Farm. (Rick Lattin, host)

12:45 P.M. Depart for Fallon Naval Air Station and tour of Top Gun Facility.

1:00 P.M. **Tour:** Top Gun Facilities and control tower.

2:30 P.M. Depart for Virginia City

3:15 P.M. **Arrive** Virginia City Mine Tour/sightseeing of the Comstock Boom town

5:15 P.M. Depart for Reno/Convention Hotel

6:00 P.M. **Arrive** back at the Convention hotel (pick up registration packets)