

## 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Desert Crops Workshop

University of California Cooperative Extension - Imperial County held its 30<sup>th</sup> “Fall Desert Crops Workshop” at Farm Credit West in Imperial. At this event, 18 speakers from UC Riverside, UCCE Imperial and Riverside Counties, UCCE Monterey County, University of Arizona, Imperial County Agricultural Commissioner, Imperial County progressive growers, and water industry and private sectors came together to bring innovative ideas and solutions; and disseminate the outcomes of their recent studies and experiences in the desert region. Ryan Kelley, Chair of Imperial County Board of Supervisors delivered the opening remarks of workshop. The event was co-organized by UCCE Imperial county advisors; Ali Montazar and Oli Bachie. We thank all presenters, growers, and other participants for making this event successful.



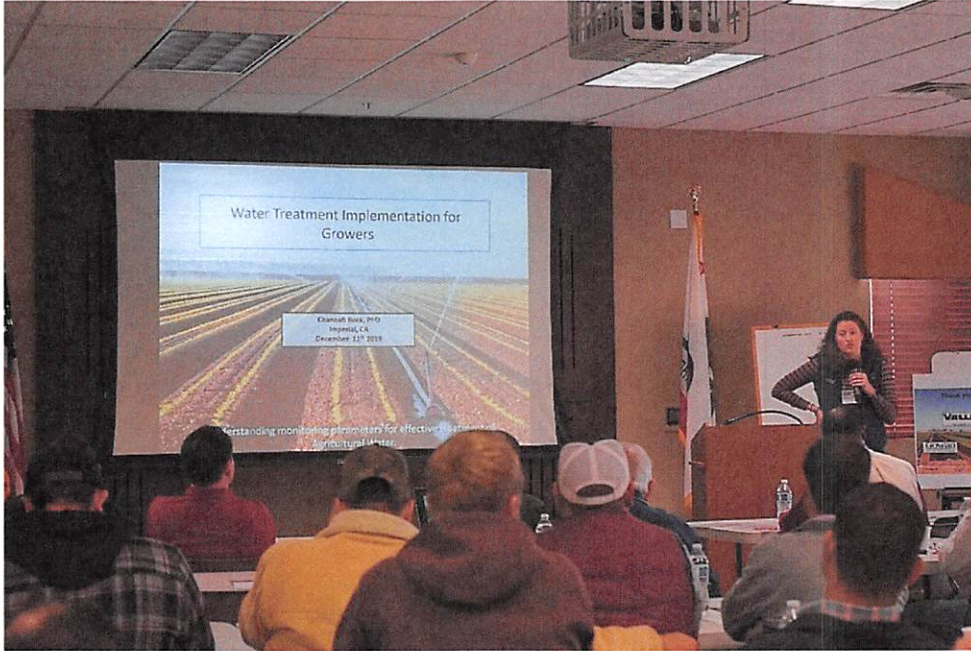
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Ali Montazar, UCCE Imperial Irrigation and Water Management Advisor, delivers a talk on Drip Irrigation for Organic Spinach Production and Downy Mildew Management.



Richard Smith, UCCE Monterey County Vegetable Crop Production Advisor, delivers a talk on Residual Soil Nitrates and the Impact of Rotations on N Fertilizer Rates for Healthy Vegetable Production.



Channah Rock, Professor & Water Quality Specialist at the University of Arizona, delivers a talk on Water Treatment Implementation for Growers.



Brooke Latack, UCCE Imperial Livestock Advisor, delivers a talk on the Benefits of Grazing Sheep on Productivity and Soil Health of Alfalfa.



Alex Putman, Assistant Specialist in Cooperative Extension and Assistant Plant Pathologist at UC Riverside, delivers a talk on Management of Soil borne Diseases and Downy Mildews of Vegetables in Winter Crops.



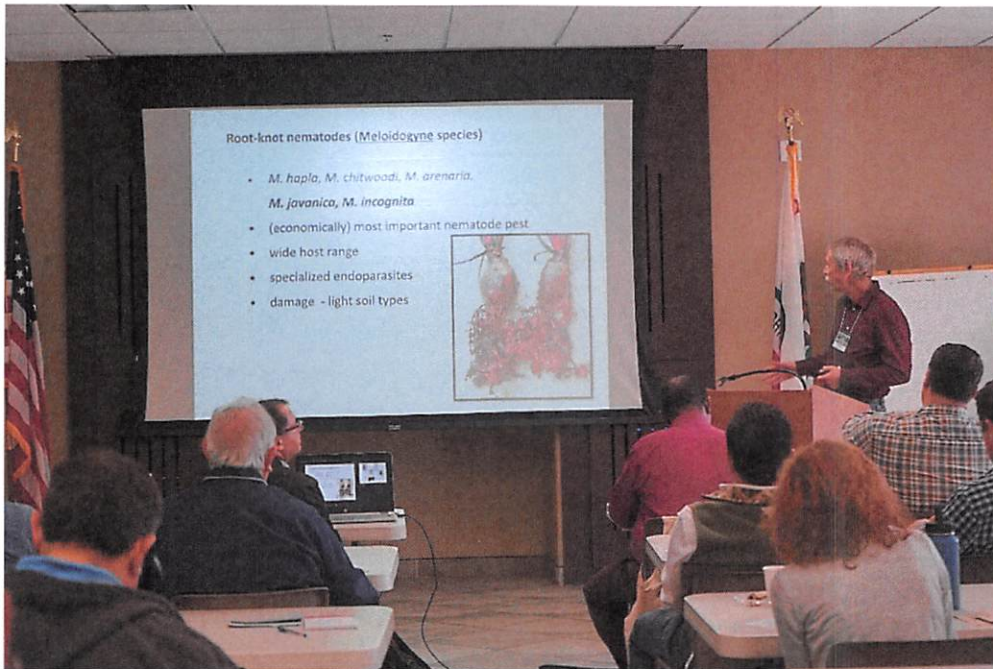
Ronald Leimgruber, Leimgruber Farms; and Kevin Johnson, Southwest Territory Manager with Valley Irrigation, deliver a joint talk on Irrigation Advanced Technology and Water Conservation Experience in the Imperial Valley.



Carlos Ortiz, Imperial County Agricultural Commissioner, delivers a talk on Laws and Regulation in Industrial Hemp.



Oli Bachie, UCCE Imperial Agronomy Advisor and County Director, delivers a talk on Alternative to Chlorpyrifos Pest Management Options for Low Desert Sugar beet.



Antoon Ploeg, Cooperative Extension Specialist & Nematologist at UC Riverside, delivers a talk on Root-knot nematode management: what's current and what's coming.



Ayman Mostafa, Area Programmatic Agent and Regional Specialist with the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension, delivers a talk on Alfalfa Winter Pest Management and Root Rot Management in Alfalfa.



Michael Rethwisch, UCCE Riverside Crop Production and Entomology Advisor, delivers a talk on Winter Insect Control in Alfalfa.



Jose Aguiar, UCCE Riverside Vegetable Crops and Small Farms Advisor, delivers an Update on Vegetable Crop Diseases/Pest Problems in the Coachella Valley