2024 California Date Palm Workshop
May 22nd, 2024
Location: Coachella Valley History Museum
82616 Miles Ave, Indio, CA 92201

Registration link: Link

8:00 a.m. – Noon

7:30 Registration
8:00 Welcome address – Ali Montazar, UCCE Irrigation and Water Management Advisor & Gordon Chuchian, Chairman of CA Date Commission
8:10 Opening Remarks - Brent Hales, Associate Vice President, Research and Cooperative Extension, University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources
8:15 IPM in Dates: Past, Present, and Future – Thomas Perring, Professor Emeritus, Department of Entomology, UC Riverside
8:40 Updates on the South American Palm Weevil Invasion in Southern California – Mark Hoddle, Professor of Extension in Biological Control, UC Riverside
9:05 Update on Date Irrigation Management Research – Ali Montazar, UCCE Irrigation and Water Management Advisor in Imperial, Riverside and San Diego Counties
9:25 Update on Date Fertilization Research – Robert Krueger, Horticulturist & Research Leader, USDA-ARS National Clonal Germplasm Repository for Citrus & Dates
9:45 Date Palm Crop Insurance Overview- Jonquil Henderson, Risk Management Specialist, USDA-Risk Management Agency

Break (10 minutes)

10:15 Update on Changes to Laws and Regs Regarding Pesticide Use in California – Daniel Delgado, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner, Riverside County
10:40 Update on Herbicide Evaluation in Date Palms - Peggy Mauk, Director of Agricultural Operations and Professor of Extension, UC Riverside
11:00 Management of Mite Pests of Date Palms - Bodil Cass, Assistant Professor/Extension Specialist - Subtropical Fruit IPM Lab, UC Riverside
11:20 Date Palm Research at the University of Arizona- Glenn Wright, Professor and Extension Tree Fruit Specialist, University of Arizona
11:40 Pollen Management and Pollination in the Date Palm- Ricardo Salomón Torres, Research professor at Universidad Estatal de Sonora San Luis Rio Colorado, Mexico
12:00 California Date Commission Report - Gordon Chuchian, Chairman of CA Date Commission

Lunch - Please stay for lunch.

For additional information on the workshop, please contact Ali Montazar, amontazar@ucanr.edu or Kristy Kneiding, kkneiding@datesaregreat.com

PENDING CEU CREDITS: CALIFORNIA DPR (2hrs.), ARIZONA DEPT. Of AG (2hrs.), CCA (3.5hrs.)