

32ND ANNUAL FALL DESERT CROPS WORKSHOP

UCCE Imperial County - December 9, 2021

Workshop Location: Farm Credit West, 485 Business Parkway, Imperial, CA 92251

Workshop registration link:

<https://surveys.ucanr.edu/survey.cfm?surveynumber=36073>

8:30 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

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| 8:30 | Welcome and the CDFA incentive funding program - <i>Oli Bachie, UCCE Imperial County Director</i> |
| 8:40 | The County Agricultural Benefit Program - <i>Carlos Ortiz, Imperial County Ag Commissioner</i> |
| 8:55 | Research advances in adopting drip irrigation for spinach production - <i>Ali Montazar, Irrigation and Water Management Advisor, UCCE Imperial County</i> |
| 9:10 | Advancing precision agriculture in California's desert environment - <i>Amir Haghverdi, Assistant CE Professor of Irrigation and Water Management at UC Riverside</i> |
| 9:25 | Updates on lettuce Fusarium wilt in California - <i>Alex Putman, Assistant Cooperative Extension Specialist, UC Riverside</i> |
| 9:40 | Low desert pest management program update - <i>Apurba Barman, IPM Advisor, UCCE Imperial County</i> |
| 9:55 | Low desert crop nematodes (carrots and other crops) and management approaches – <i>Antoon Ploeg, UC Cooperative Extension Nematologist, UC Riverside</i> |

Break 10:10 – 10:30 a.m.

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| 10:30 | 2021 Alfalfa weevil insecticide efficacy comparisons - <i>Michael Rethwisch, UCCE Riverside Crop Production and Entomology Advisor, Blythe (Palo Verde Valley Office), CA</i> |
| 10:45 | Weed seedling identification and management in the desert- <i>Marco Pena, Area weed management agent Arizona Cooperative Extension, Yuma, AZ</i> |
| 11:00 | What have we learned from impacts of the pandemic on low desert farming - <i>Oli Bachie, Agronomy Advisor, UCCE Imperial County</i> |
| 11:15 | Industry updates - <i>Yara North America (Victor Lopez), N-Drip (Uri Segev), Syngenta Crop Protection (Randy Landwerlen), Westbridge Agricultural Products (Macey Keith), BASF (Kevin Caffrey), Naio Technology (Ingrid Sarlandie)</i> |

For additional information on the workshop, please contact organizers Oli Bachie, obachie@ucanr.edu or Ali Montazar, amontazar@ucanr.edu or Apurba Barman, akbarman@ucanr.edu or give us a call at (442) 265-7700

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