



# SOUTH VALLEY

CONFERENCE

November 7, 2024: 7AM-1PM

**Corteva Building  
International Agri-Center**  
4500 S Laspina St. Tulare, CA 93274

## ALMOND & PISTACHIO AGENDA

CDPR: 3.0, CCA: 3.5, FREP: 0.5

### 7:00 AM BREAKFAST & TRADE SHOW

8:00 AM

**Silverleaf Nightshade: Understanding, Controlling and Preventing its Spread in Orchards**  
Mandeep Riari, UCCE Restoration Ecology and Weed Science Farm Advisor, Kern and Tulare County

8:30 AM

**Update on Personal Protection Equipment**  
Nicole Motley, Deputy Tulare County Ag Commissioner

9:00 AM

**Preparing for Nematode Management in Almond with Changing Available Tools**  
Andreas Westphal, UC Riverside Professor of Cooperative Extension Nematology

### 9:30 AM TRADE SHOW and BREAK

10:30 AM

**Emerging Pest Management Challenges in Nut Crops: 10:30 AM Red Leaf Blotch of Almond: What We Know**  
Florent Trouillas, UCCE Associate Specialist, Plant Pathology;

10:50 AM **Rethinking Gill's Mealybug**

Idong Mokwunye, UCCE IPM Advisor;

11:10 AM **Carpophilus Beetle: Management Strategy in Nut Orchards**

Jhalendra Rijal, UCCE IPM Advisor

11:30 AM

**Irrigating Young Almond Orchards**  
Raymond Mireles, UCCE Fruit and Nut Advisor, Fresno and Tulare Counties

12:00 PM

**Industry Lunch and Presentation of Industry Titan Award**  
Jason Scott, CEO and Publisher, JCS Marketing

1:00 PM

Adjourn

**FREE to Attend!**

Growers, Applicators, PCAs, CCAs, and Processors Welcome!

Enjoy Networking, Exhibits, Industry Lunch, Coffee & Donuts, CEUs, Seminars, and Workshops.

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## CITRUS AGENDA

CDPR: 1.5, CCA: 3.5, FREP: 1.0

### 7:00 AM BREAKFAST & TRADE SHOW

8:00 AM

**Citrus Stubborn Disease vs Huanglongbing: Similarities and Differences**  
Ray Yokomi, Research Plant Pathologist, USDA-ARS

8:30 AM

**Preserving Citrus and Avocado: Strategies for Combating Synergistic Dry and Phytophthora Root Rots**  
Fatemeh Khodadadi, UCCE Specialist, Subtropical Plant Pathology

### 9:00 AM TRADE SHOW and BREAK

10:00 AM

**Appraising Uncertainties and Errors of Citrus Water Use Estimated with Satellite Remote Sensing Methods**  
Daniele Zaccaria, UCCE Water Management Specialist

10:30 AM

**Research on Possible Causes of Lemon Pitting**  
Ashraf El-Kereamy, Director, UC Lindcove Research and Extension Center

11:00 AM

**Panel Discussion: Winter and Spring Fertility in Citrus**  
Moderator: JW Lemons, CCA, CPAg, Verdesian Life Sciences  
Panelists: Ashraf El-Kereamy, Director, Lindcove Research and Extension Center; Dan Cook, CCA, Agronomist-SW Region, Tessengerlo Kerley; Herman Els, CCA, Agronomy Manager, Limoneira Company

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## PROCESSING AGENDA

This track doesn't offer CEU

### 7:00 AM BREAKFAST & TRADE SHOW

8:00 AM

**Panel Discussion: Innovations in Ag Processing**  
Moderator: Jason Scott, CEO and Publisher, JCS Marketing  
Panelists: Jeff Sargent, Satake; Zhongli Pan, Adjunct Professor, Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering, UC Davis

9:00 AM

**Addressing Labor Issues in Ag Processing**  
Alden Parker, Regional Managing Partner, Fisher & Phillips

9:30 AM

**Using AI Technology to Improve Efficiency**  
Saumitra Buragohain, CEO, Borde Inc.

### 10:00 AM TRADE SHOW and BREAK

11:00 AM

**Panel Discussion: Handlers and Processors Discuss What Keeps Them Up at Night**  
Moderator: Roger Isom, President/CEO Western Agricultural Processors Association  
Panelists: Wade Van Hooser, Mid Valley Cotton Growers; Amy Sihto, El Dorado Almonds; Jim Razor, JG Boswell Company, Luis Katsurayama, Pandol Bros.

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