



California WALNUT CONFERENCE

February 19, 2026
Turlock, CA

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FREE to Attend!

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

- Networking and Industry Mixer
- Exhibits
- Coffee, Donuts, and Industry Lunch
- CEUs, Seminars, and Workshops

Please refer to the CEU tables for final approved DPR and CCA credits.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

7:00 AM Registration / Trade Show

8:00 AM State of the Industry:

*Introduction by Jason Scott, CEO JCS Marketing
Robert Verloop, CEO, California Walnut Board
and Commission*

8:30 AM Mold Management in Walnuts

*Themis Michailides, UC Davis Plant Pathologist,
Kearney Ag Research & Extension; Kent
Broker, Owner, Broker Agriculture Consulting*

9:00 AM Developing an IPM Approach for Managing
Squirrels and Roof Rats in Walnuts

*Roger Baldwin, UCCE Specialist,
Human-Wildlife Conflict Resolution*

9:30 AM Getting More Walnuts on the Menu -
A New Approach to Increase California
Walnuts in Food Service

Chef-in-Residence, Robert Danhi

10:00 AM Break/ Trade Show & Walnut Research
Poster Sessions

11:00 AM CDFA Produce Safety Rule -
What Growers Need to Know

*CDFA speaker - Trevor Goldsberry -
Environmental Scientist, CDFA Produce
Safety Program*

11:30 PM Managing Nematodes in Walnuts in a
New Regulatory World

*Moderator - Abby Taylor, Managing Director of
Regulatory Affairs, Kahn, Soares & Conway;
Presentors: Brent Barton, Barton Ranch;
Andreas Westphal, UC Riverside CE Nematologist*

12:00 PM Lunch

12:30 PM Feature Session - State of the Tariff World

*Introduction: Robert Verloop, CEO, California
Walnut Board and Commission*

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CA Walnut Board & Commission

*Panelists: Anna Boulova, Secretary General
at Frucom; Arjun Chakravarti, Managing
Partner at Cogknition Analytics*

1:30 PM 2025 Crop Insights - Walnut Quality from
the Field. In Depth Look at Variations in
Crop Receipts Based on Variety, Region
and Harvest Timing *TBD*

2:00 PM Insights from the Industry
(Grower/Handler Panel)

*Moderator: Robert Verloop, California Walnut
Board and Commission Growers & Handler*

3:00 PM Industry Mixer

4:00 PM Adjourn