



# 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*

*Moderator: Robert Verloop,  
CA Walnut Board & Commission*

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

1.5 hours DPR and 4 hours CCA Units Pending Approval