2016 Statewide Pistachio Day
Wednesday, January 20
8:00 AM – 4:40 PM
Visalia Convention Center, 303 East Acequia Ave., Visalia

Session 1: 7:50–9:45 AM

7:50: 2016 Pistachio Day Welcome - Louise Ferguson, UC ANR Cooperative Extension Specialist, Department of Plant Sciences, UC Davis

Moderator: David Doll, UC ANR Cooperative Extension Advisor, Merced County

8:00  Industry Update - Bob Klein, Manager, California Pistachio Research Board
8:15  Regulated Deficit Irrigation and Remote Sensing - Dave Goldhamer, UC ANR Cooperative Extension Specialist (Ret.), Department of Land, Air and Water Resources, UC Davis
8:45  UCB1 Rootstocks Seedling Block Evaluations - John Preece, Director, National Clonal Germplasm Repository, Davis, CA
9:15  Update on New Pistachio Varieties - Craig Kallsen, UC ANR Cooperative Extension Advisor, Kern County
9:35  Licensing Program for UC Patented Cultivars - Denise Meade, Property Analyst, Technology Transfer Services, Innovation Access, UC Davis

9:45 BREAK

Session 2: 10:15–11:45

Moderator: Craig Kallsen, UC ANR Cooperative Extension Advisor, Kern County

10:15  Dormancy, Bloom, Fertilization, Set and Growth of Pistachio Nuts: What We Know - Louise Ferguson, UC ANR Cooperative Extension Specialist, Department of Plant Sciences, UC Davis
10:45  Increasing Pistachio Chill Portions with Kaolin Clay Spray - David Doll, UC ANR Cooperative Extension Advisor, Merced County
11:00  Beginning Investigations of How Winter Temperatures Affect a Tree’s Ability to Produce Bloom and Set Nuts - Maciej Zweiniecki, Associate Professor, Department of Plant Sciences, UC Davis

11:45-1:15 PM LUNCH

Session 3& 4 are done at the same time. Please select one session to attend.

Integrated Pest Management for Pistachios
Sponsored by the UC ANR Statewide Integrated Pest Management Program

Session 3: 1:40-4:30 PM

Moderator: Kris Tollerup, UC ANR Cooperative Extension IPM Advisor, Kearney Agricultural Research & Extension Center

1:40  Managing Pyrethroid Use within an IPM Program for Pistachios - David Haviland, UC ANR Cooperative Extension IPM Advisor, Kern County
2:10 Managing NOW Using Mating Disruption, Insecticides and Sanitation - Brad Higbee, Director, Entomology Research, Wonderful Orchards

2:40 What We Know and What We Need to Know About Leaffooted Bug Management - Kris Tollerup, UC ANR Cooperative Extension IPM Advisor, Kearney Agricultural Research & Extension Center

3:00 BREAK

3:30 Update on Tools for Management of Gill’s Mealybug - David Haviland, UC ANR Cooperative Extension IPM Advisor, Kern County

3:50 Managing Ground Squirrel and Bird Pests in Pistachios - Roger Baldwin, UC ANR Cooperation Extension Specialist, Department of Wildlife, Fish, and Conservation Biology, UC Davis

4:10 El Nino, the Sleeping Giant, and Other Pistachio Diseases - Themis Michailides, Plant Pathologist, Department of Plant Pathology, UC Davis

4:30 ADJOURN

Research Updates on Pistachio Bushy Top Syndrome

Session 4: 1:30-5:00 PM

Moderator: Florent Trouillas, UC ANR Cooperative Extension Specialist, Department of Plant Pathology, UC Davis

1:30 From Rhodococcus spp. Genomes to Control - Jennifer Randall, Professor, New Mexico State University

2:00 From Leafy Gall Syndrome on Model Plants to PBTS - Danny Vereecke, Faculty, Ghent University, Belgium

2:30 CSU Bakersfield Investigations with California Isolates of Rhodococcus Species - Isolde Francis, Professor, CSU Bakersfield


3:15 The Current Status of Pistachio Bushy Top Syndrome in California - Florent Trouillas - UC ANR Cooperative Extension Specialist, Department of Plant Pathology, UC Davis

3:45 Panel Discussion and Question and Answer Session

5:00 ADJOURN
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