



Thursday Conference Agenda

DECEMBER 8

Registration Hours: 7:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Almond Conference Expo: 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Sessions: 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Food Truck Village: 10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

 **Special Grower Breakfast Session:
Managing Input Costs**
8:00–9:00 a.m.
Ballroom A

 **Coffee Break**
9:05–10:05 a.m.
Ballroom B Foyer
Sponsored by Satake



Almond Stewardship 2.0
9:05–10:30 a.m.
Ballroom B-2

**Rootstock Selection to Mitigate Stress in
the Long Run**
9:05–10:30 a.m.
Ballroom B-5

**Almonds in Action: Almond Alliance
Advocacy Update and 2023 Look Ahead**
9:05–10:30 a.m.
Ballroom B-6

 **Food Truck Village**
10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
West Lobby Plaza


Dedicated Expo Hours
10:30–11:30 a.m.
Almond Conference Expo

Whither Pest Management?
11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Ballroom B-5



Session Descriptions

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 **Special Grower Breakfast Session:
Managing Input Costs***
8:00–9:00 a.m.
Ballroom A

Moderator: Michael Roots (ABC)

Speakers: Josette Lewis (ABC), Peter DeBoer (Yara), Justin Nay (Integral Ag., Inc.), Lucas Avila (Manulife Investment Management, FMS, Inc.), Brittney Goodrich (UC ANR)

With input costs at an all-time high, decisions need to be made now in your operations to increase your return on investment. This special breakfast session will review industry experiences on how to manage labor, pesticides and other input costs in your operation. Be sure to set your alarm to make it up in time to enjoy a hearty breakfast sandwich while getting tips to improve profitability.

**Visit an Onsite Registration kiosk to see if tickets are still available.*

 **Coffee Break**
9:05–10:05 a.m.
Ballroom B Foyer
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Almond Stewardship 2.0
9:05–10:30 a.m.
Ballroom B-2

Moderator: Gabriele Ludwig (ABC)

Speakers: Tom Devol (ABC), Eric Harris (SureHarvest), Jesse Roseman (ABC), Miles Dakin (Pollinator Partnership)

It takes good stewardship to grow and maintain an almond orchard successfully for some 25 years, however there are always attentional practices to consider. In this changing world growers are being asked to document what they are doing. Come to this session to learn about the California Almond Stewardship Platform following a refresh after more than 13 years of a self-assessment program. In addition, the session will highlight stewardship opportunities around pollinators along with incentive opportunities.

Rootstock Selection to Mitigate Stress in the Long Run
9:05–10:30 a.m.
Ballroom B-5

Moderator: Sebastian Saa (ABC)

Speakers: Katherine Jarvis-Shean (UC ANR), Roger Duncan (UC ANR), Andreas Westphal (UC ANR), Greg Browne (UC ANR), Cameron Zuber (UC ANR)

This grower session is being brought back due to popular demand, but this time with a different angle. Appropriate


rootstock selection is perhaps one of the most efficient tools that a grower can use to mitigate soil challenges, replant complex, and major pests and diseases. Recognizing the power of this tool, the Almond Board has supported the evaluation of multiple rootstocks in different California conditions for decades. Our latest research results in this area clearly illustrate how rootstock selection impacts yields over the lifespan of an almond orchard. In addition, chemical control can be reduced and/or made more efficient.

**Almonds in Action: Almond Alliance Advocacy
Update and 2023 Look Ahead**

9:05–10:30 a.m.
Ballroom B-6

Speaker: Aubrey Bettencourt (Almond Alliance of California)

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Moderator: Gabriele Ludwig (ABC)

Speakers: Julie Henderson (CA Department of Pesticide Regulation), Jim Adaskaveg (UC Riverside), Jesse Roseman (ABC), Sean Halloran (UC Riverside)

Controlling pests keeps getting more complicated as new regulations, new pests, along with new techniques seem to be on the rise. This session will explore both the ideas for "Sustainable Pest Management" and current regulatory issues along with research efforts by the Almond Board to develop or assess newer technologies to managing key pests.