

# THE 23<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL DESERT CROPS WORKSHOP

November 27, 2012

House of Steaks, 215 N Imperial Ave El Centro, CA

- 7:15 **Registration**
- 7:20 **Welcome from Western Farm Press** – Cary Blake, Associate Editor, Western Farm Press, Gilbert, AZ;
- 7:25 **Thrips Control on Onions** - Eric Natwick, Entomology Farm Advisor, University of California Desert and Extension Center, Holtville, CA;
- 7:40 **Invasive Insect Pests In Imperial County** - Rachel Nilson, Entomologist/Plant Pathologist, Imperial County Agricultural Commissioner's Office, El Centro, CA;
- 8:10 **California Ground Squirrel A New Invasive Species In Imperial County**, Reyes Treviso Agricultural Biologist/Standards Specialist IV, El Centro, CA;
- 8:30 **Management Tips for Insects in Vegetables crops** – John Palumbo – University of Arizona Entomologist, UA Yuma Ag Center, Yuma County, AZ;
- 9:50 **Disease/Pest Update: Lettuce, Okra and Peppers** – Jose Aguiar, Vegetable Crops Farm Advisor, Cooperative Extension Riverside County, Indio, CA Office;
- 9:10 **Neonicotinoids and their use in melons: Are we harming the bees?**- Vonny Barlow, Entomology/Agronomy Farm Advisor, Cooperative Extension Riverside County, Blythe, CA Office;
- 9:30 **Herbicides** - Barry Tickes, Weed Science Extension Agent, UA Yuma Ag Center, Yuma County, AZ;
- 9:50 **Break**
- 10:05 **Pest Management Update and the California Leafy Greens Marketing Agreement** - Mary Zischke, Director of the California Leafy Greens Program, Salinas, CA.
- 10:15 **Crops, Pests in China and implications for invasive species** – Milton E McGiffen Jr, CE Specialist and Plant Physiologist, University of California Riverside, Riverside, CA;
- 10:35 **Impact of Hydrogels on Soil Water Retention and Water Conservation** – Khaled Bali, Irrigation/Water Management Advisor & County Director, University of California Desert and Extension Center, Holtville, CA;
- 10:50 **Plant Diseases**, Steve Koike, Farm Advisor Plant Pathology, University of California Cooperative Extension Monterey County;
- 11:10 **Food Safety**– Trevor V Suslow, Department of Plant Sciences, UC Davis, Davis, CA;
- 11:35 **Industry Updates** – To be announced;
- 12:00 **Lunch** - provided at no charge for those who RSVP – courtesy of Western Farm Press and commercial suppliers.

**Organizers: Eric Natwick, Khaled Bali & Cary Blake**

**Moderators: Vonny Barlow & Jose Aguiar**

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