

**33rd Annual Fall Desert Crops Workshop****November 30, 2022****Farm Credit Services Southwest, Ag Center Room****485 Business Park Way, Imperial, CA 92251***Registration link:*<https://surveys.ucanr.edu/survey.cfm?surveynumber=39320>**8:00 a.m. – Noon**

- 7:30 Registration
- 8:00 **Opening remarks** – *Todd Fitchette, Western Farm Press*
- 8:05 **Welcome & introductions** - *Oli Bachie, UCCE Imperial and San Diego County Director*
- 8:10 **Food-grade solution for organic produce disinfection** - *Cuong Nguyen (new advisor), Food Safety and Organic Production Advisor, UCCE Imperial & Riverside Counties*
- 8:30 **A brief on the current pests of concern in Imperial County-** *Carlos Ortiz, Imperial County Agricultural Commissioner*
- 8:50 **Effective water conservation practices in the low desert region: what we've learned in recent years** - *Ali Montazar, Irrigation and Water Management Advisor, UCCE Imperial, Riverside & San Diego counties*
- 9:10 **IMT-DESERT: An irrigation management tool for southern California desert region** - *Amir Haghverdi, Assistant CE Professor of Irrigation and Water Management, UC Riverside*
- 9:30 **Integrated nematode and soil health management in vegetable cropping systems-** *Philip Waisen, Vegetable Crops Advisor, UCCE Riverside and Imperial Counties*
- 9:50 **Industry updates** – *Randy Landwerlen (Syngenta Crop Protection), Chris Denning (Gowan)*

**Break (10 minutes)**

- 10:10 **Updates on the IID water conservation program** - *Benjamin Brock, Senior Program Manager, IID On-Farm Efficiency Conservation Program*
- 10:30 **The impact and management aspects of sugarcane aphid** - *Ayman Mostafa, Area Programmatic Agent and Regional Specialist, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension*
- 10:50 **Cowpea aphids in low desert alfalfa-** *Michael Rethwisch, Crop Production and Entomology Advisor, UCCE Riverside County*
- 11:10 **Moringa, an emerging multi-purpose crop-** *Oli Bachie, Agronomy & Weed Management Advisor, UCCE Imperial, Riverside & San Diego Counties; Brooke Latack, Livestock Advisor, Imperial, Riverside & San Bernardino Counties*
- 11:30 **Updates on lettuce Fusarium wilt in California-** *Alex Putman, Assistant Cooperative Extension Specialist, UC Riverside*
- 11:50 **Industry updates** – *Kevin Rost (SWAN Systems), Junior Evans (Corteva), Abbas Alhadithi (Universal Agriculture)*
- 12:05 **Lunch** - Please stay for lunch

For additional information on the workshop, please contact organizers Ali Montazar, [amontazar@ucanr.edu](mailto:amontazar@ucanr.edu) and Oli Bachie, [obachie@ucanr.edu](mailto:obachie@ucanr.edu), or call us at (442) 265-7700

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