



2019 Pitahaya/Dragon Fruit Production Tour
Wednesday, September 25, 2019

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Tour Itinerary & Tentative Agenda:

7:00 am	<u>Heritage Ranch located in Escondido, CA: Registration, Continental Breakfast, Welcome and Introductions</u> - Ramiro Lobo, UCCE San Diego County
7:30am	Tour Heritage Ranch's Pitahaya Production Fields. – Burnet Wohlford, Owner; Adrian Olguin, Farm Manager; and, Ramiro Lobo, UCCE Farm Advisor
9:00 am	<u>Depart for Wallace Ranch located in Bonsall, CA</u>
10:00 am	Tour Wallace Ranch's Pitahaya Production Fields – Tour hosted by Neva Day, Owner and Julio Robles, Farm Manager
11:30 am	<u>Depart for Fallbrook Public Utility District located in Fallbrook, CA</u>
12:00 Noon	LUNCH & Pitahaya Fruit and Ice Cream Tasting
1:30 pm	Overview of Tour Stops, Review of Pitahaya Production Systems and Issues – Group/Facilitated Discussion - Ramiro Lobo, Farm Advisor, UCCE San Diego
2:30 pm	Pitahaya Production Systems in Israel - Eyal Givon, Pitahaya/Dragon Fruit Farmer in Moorpark, CA
3:00 pm	BREAK
3:15 pm	Pest Management Issues in Pitahaya Production in California – Emphasis on Weeds – Cheryl Wilen, Area IPM Advisor, UCCE San Diego County
3:45 pm	Review of Pitahaya/Dragon Fruit Varieties, Establishment Costs and Market Considerations – Ramiro Lobo, UCCE Farm Advisor
4:30 pm	ADJOURN

Potential Topics to be Discussed/Highlighted During the Tour:

- Overview of farming operations visited
- Variety selection, planting, trellis and growing systems (pots vs. soils, shade vs. full sun, etc.)
- Pitahaya or Dragon Fruit Irrigation and Water Quality Issues
- Pitahaya Orchard Establishment & Economics Considerations
- Integrated Pest Management (IPM) for Pitahayas and other Specialty Crops
- Pitahaya Fertility Management & fertilizer practices
- Nematode Issues for Pitahaya Production

MORE INFORMATION: For more information about the seminar content or agenda items please contact Ramiro Lobo by phone at 858.246.1860 or by email at relobo@ucanr.edu. For questions or issues with the registration process, please contact the main office at 858-822-7711.