

[Early-Bird Registration Ends Jan. 6th!](#)

2018 Statewide Pistachio Day

Wednesday, January 17

7:45 AM - 4:00 PM

[Visalia Convention Center](#)

Visalia, California

[Pistachio Day](#) delivers the latest research-based production practices to prospective or current growers, production managers, and pest control consultants so they are better able to achieve their pistachio growing goals.

Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) and Certified Crop Adviser (CCA) continuing education credits are pending.

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7:45 AM **Welcome and Announcements**

8:00 **Industry Update** - Bob Klein, Manager, California Pistachio Research Board

Session 1: Food Safety and Regulatory Concerns

8:15 **The Food Safety Modernization Act: Agriculture Water Testing Requirements for Pistachio Growers** - Linda Harris, UC Cooperative Extension Specialist, Microbial Food Safety and Chair, Department of Food Science and Technology, UC Davis

8:50 **Mycotoxins and their Impact on Pistachio Export Markets** - Bob Klein, Manager, California Pistachio Research Board

9:30 **Break**

Session 2: Horticulture Science

10:00 **Carbohydrate Relations in Pistachio – Alternate Bearing and Yield** - Maciej Zwieniecki, Professor, Whole Plant Physiology, Department of Plant Science, UC Davis

10:30 **Studies on Pistachio Flower Quality and Development as Influenced by Low Chill in California** - Lu Zhang, Post Doctoral Associate, Department of Plant Science, UC Davis

11:00 **Floral Bud Drop in Pistachios: Causes and Reduction** - Louise Ferguson, UC Cooperative Extension Specialist, Pistachio, UC Davis and Kearney Agriculture Research and Extension Center, Parlier

11:30 **Lunch**

1:15 PM **Pistachio Yield as Affected by Integrated Soil Characteristics: Salinity/Soil Quality Update** - Blake Sanden, UC Cooperative Extension Farm Advisor, Irrigation and Soils, Kern County

Session 3: Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

2:00 **Getting Up-to-Date on the Aflatoxin Issue on Pistachio** - Themis Michailides, Plant Pathologist, UC Davis and Kearney Agriculture Research and Extension Center, Parlier

2:30 **Navel Orangeworm: Management Decisions and Mating Disruption** - David Haviland, UC Cooperative Extension Advisor, Kern County

3:00 **Navel Orangeworm Mating Disruption Product Options** - Jhalendra Rijal, UC Cooperative Extension IPM Advisor, San Joaquin, Sanislaus, and Merced Counties

3:20 **Small Bugs and Stink Bugs on Pistachio** - Kent Daane, Biological Control Specialist, UC Berkeley and Kearney Agricultural Research and Extension Center, Parlier

3:40 **Leaffooted Bug on Pistachio** - Kris Tollerup, UC Cooperative Extension IPM Advisor, Kearney Agriculture Research and Extension Center, Parlier

4:00 Adjourn