



Three Rivers Convention Center, Kennewick, WA
Tuesday, December 4, 2018
PROGRAM

7:00 a.m. Registration Desk Opens
Grab and Go Breakfast Sponsored by Callisons

Morning Session

8:30 a.m. **Welcome**

8:40 a.m. **Family Leave Act** – Silvia Lugo, Communications & Outreach Specialist, Employment Security Department

9:10 a.m. **Policy Update** – Aaron Golladay, 1st Vice President of Legislative Affairs, Washington Farm Bureau

9:40 a.m. **Drones, Sensing Equipment, and Technology** –

10:10 a.m. *Morning Break - Coffee and Pastries Sponsored by RCB International*
Gift Card Raffle Drawing – Sponsored by Bleyhl Co-Op

10:30 a.m. **Fuel Update** – Tina Hampton, Supply and Trade Manager, Christensen

11:00 a.m. **Financial Outlook** –

11:20 a.m. **Up to Date Report on Activities of the Mint Industry Research Council** – Steve Salisbury, Research Director, MIRC

12:00 p.m. *Luncheon - Sponsored by Labbeemint*
Washington Mint Commission's – Annual Meeting
Mint Grower of the Year, Friend of the Industry, Lifetime Achievement Award

Afternoon Session – Researchers Session

Gift Card Raffle Drawing – Sponsored by Bleyhl Co-Op

1:30 p.m. **The Mint Varietal Improvement Project** – Mark Lange, Washington State University, Pullman, WA

1:50 p.m. **Diagnostics for Verticillium Wilt** – David Wheeler, Washington State University Pullman, WA

2:10 p.m. **Weed Research in Mint** – Ray Baker, Agricultural Research Technician, Washington State University, Prosser, WA

2:30 p.m. **Monitoring and Management of Mint Root Borer on Mint** – Doug Walsh, Washington State University, Prosser, WA

2:50 p.m. **Large Scale Evaluation of a LEPA/LESA System Compared to MESA on Spearmint and Peppermint** – Behnaz Molaei, Washington State University, Prosser, WA

3:10 p.m. *Afternoon Break - Mint Ice Cream Social Sponsored by Norwest Ingredients*
Gift Card Raffle Drawing – Sponsored by Bleyhl Co-Op

3:40 p.m. **Commodity Forecast** – Damon Filan, Tri City Grain

4:20 p.m. **Buyers Report** – Jeffery Johnson, Vice President, Callisons

5:00 p.m. **Awarding of Mint Baskets - Mint Baskets Sponsored by Northwest Farm Credit Services**

5:10 p.m. **Conference Adjournment**

5:15 p.m. WA Mint Growers Association Annual Meeting - All Are Invited to Attend

****Program Subject to Change***