



WASHINGTON MINT FLAVORS THE WORLD  
**Yakima Convention Center, Yakima, WA**  
**PROGRAM - Tuesday, December 5, 2017**

7:00 a.m. Registration Desk Opens

*Grab and Go Breakfast Sponsored by Callison's*

**Morning Session**

8:00 a.m. **Welcome**

8:10 a.m. **Food Safety Modernization Act** – Gena Reich, WSDA Food Safety Program, Region Manager  
(TENTATIVE)

8:40 a.m. **Paid Sick Leave – New Law and Regulations** – Tuyen Manikhoth, Paid Sick Leave Outreach Specialist,  
Labor and Industries

9:10 a.m. **Agricultural Policy Update** – Madi Clark Agriculture Policy Research Director, WA Policy Center

9:40 a.m. **Financial Update** – Nancy Boettcher, Senior VP Commercial Banker, INB

10:10 a.m. **Morning Break - Coffee and Pastries Sponsored by RCB International**

*Gift Card Raffle Drawing – Sponsored by Bleyhl Farm Service*

10:30 a.m. **Fuel Update** –Tina Hampton, RE Powell

11:00 a.m. **AdvanceMint** - Jeremy Schifeling, Wrigley

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**

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

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

2:10 p.m. **Weed Research in Mint** – Rick Boydston, USDA-ARS, Prosser, WA

2:30 p.m. **Pyrethroids, Spider Mites, and Powdery Mildew** – Doug Walsh, Washington State University, Prosser,  
WA

3:00 p.m. **Afternoon Break - Mint Ice Cream Social Sponsored by Norwest Ingredients**

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3:30 p.m. **Weather Forecast and Trends** –Tim Creek pacific weather consulting

4:20 p.m. **Buyers Report** – Dana Wendel, President, RCB International

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