



Three Rivers Convention Center, Kennewick, WA
Tuesday, December 3, 2019
PROGRAM*

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

Morning Session

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

8:10 a.m. **Legislative Update** – Josh Lozano, Deputy District Director, Dan Newhouse’s Office

8:40 a.m. **Boiler Maintenance Strategies** – Cole Industrial

9:10 a.m. **Technology Trends in Farming** – Phil van Etten, CEO Pollen Systems

9:40 a.m. **Vydate L Update** – Kevin Cochrane, Corteva

10:00 a.m. *Morning Break - Coffee and Pastries Sponsored by RCB International, Ltd.*

10:20 a.m. **MIRC Risk Mitigation Report** – Devin Dekker, RCB International, MIRC Risk Mitigation Committee Chair

10:50 a.m. **Up to Date Report on Activities of the Mint Industry Research Council** – Steve Salisbury, Research Director, MIRC

11:30 a.m. **Fuel Update** – Tina Hampton, Supply and Trade Manager, Christensen

12:10 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

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

1:50 p.m. **Integrated Pest Management on Mint/ Nitrogen and Water Management on Spearmint** – Doug Walsh, Washington State University, Prosser, WA

2:20 p.m. **Weed Research in Mint** – Ray Baker, Agricultural Research Technician, Washington State University, Prosser, WA

2:40 p.m. **Large Scale Evaluation of a LEPA/LESA System Compared to MESA on Spearmint and Peppermint** – Troy Peters, Washington State University, Prosser, WA

3:00 p.m. **Identifying Action Thresholds for Verticillium Wilt IPM in Mint**– Jeremiah Dung, Assistant Professor, Oregon State University

3:20 p.m. *Afternoon Break - Mint Ice Cream Social Sponsored by Norwest Ingredients*

3:50 p.m. **Hemp, an Overview and Outlook** – Curt Livesay, Dynamite Ag

4:30 p.m. **Buyers Report** – Marc Smith, Sales/Customer Relations Representative, Norwest Ingredients

5:10 p.m. **Awarding of Mint Baskets - Mint Baskets Sponsored by Northwest Farm Credit Services**

5:20 p.m. **Conference Adjournment**

5:30 p.m. WA Mint Growers Association Annual Meeting - All Are Invited to Attend

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