

# Save the Date...

## 33rd Annual Fall Desert Crops Workshop

**Nov. 30, 2022**

**(8:00am - 12pm)**

***Registration begins at 7:30***

For additional information on the workshop, please contact organizers Oli Bachie, [obachie@ucanr.edu](mailto:obachie@ucanr.edu) and Ali Montazar, [amontazar@ucanr.edu](mailto:amontazar@ucanr.edu), or call us at (442) 265-7700

Pre-registration link <https://surveys.ucanr.edu/survey.cfm?surveynumber=39320>



*Pending approval for CE units with CA Department of Pesticide Regulation (2.5hrs),  
AZ Department of Ag (2.5 hrs) & Certified Crop Advisors (3.5 hrs)*

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Farm Credit West, 485 Business Park Way, Imperial, CA 92251

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800 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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| 7:30 | Registration   |
| 8:00 | <b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b> - <i>Oli Bachie, UCCE Imperial and San Diego County Director</i>  |
| 8:05 | <b>Food-grade solution for organic produce disinfection</b> - <i>Cuong Nguyen (new advisor), Food Safety and Organic Production Advisor, UCCE Imperial &amp; Riverside Counties</i>  |
| 8:25 | <b>A brief on the current pests of concern in Imperial County</b> - <i>Carlos Ortiz, Imperial County Agricultural Commissioner</i>   |
| 8:45 | <b>Effective water conservation practices in the low desert region: what we've learned in recent years</b> - <i>Ali Montazar, Irrigation and Water Management Advisor, UCCE Imperial, Riverside &amp; San Diego counties</i> |
| 9:05 | <b>IMT-DESERT: An irrigation management tool for southern California desert region</b> - <i>Amir Haghverdi, Assistant CE Professor of Irrigation and Water Management, UC Riverside</i>                                      |
| 9:25 | <b>Integrated nematode and soil health management in vegetable cropping systems</b> - <i>Philip Waisen, Vegetable Crops Advisor, UCCE Riverside and Imperial Counties</i>  |
| 9:45 | <b>Industry updates</b> – <i>Randy Landwerlen (Syngenta Crop Protection), Chris Denning (Gowan)</i>  |

Break (10 minutes)

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| 10:05 | <b>Updates on the IID water conservation program</b> - <i>Benjamin Brock, Senior Program Manager, IID On-Farm Efficiency Conservation Program</i>                                |
| 10:25 | <b>The impact and management aspects of sugarcane aphid</b> - <i>Ayman Mostafa, Area Programmatic Agent and Regional Specialist, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension</i> |
| 10:45 | <b>Cowpea aphids in low desert alfalfa</b> - <i>Michael Rethwisch, Crop Production and Entomology Advisor, UCCE Riverside County</i>   |
| 11:05 | <b>Moringa, an emerging multi-purpose crop</b> - <i>Oli Bachie, Agronomy &amp; Weed Management Advisor, UCCE Imperial, Riverside &amp; San Diego Counties</i>                    |
| 11:25 | <b>Updates on lettuce Fusarium wilt in California</b> - <i>Alex Putman, Assistant Cooperative Extension Specialist, UC Riverside</i>   |
| 11:45 | <b>Industry updates</b> – <i>Kevin Rost (SWAN Systems), Junior Evans (Corteva), Abbas Alhadithi (Universal Agriculture)</i>  |
| 12:00 | <b>Lunch</b> - Please stay for lunch   |

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PENDING CEU CREDITS: CALIFORNIA DPR (2.5 hrs.), ARIZONA DEPT. Of AG (2.5 hrs.) & CCA (3.5 hrs.)