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DECEMBER 10-12, 2025

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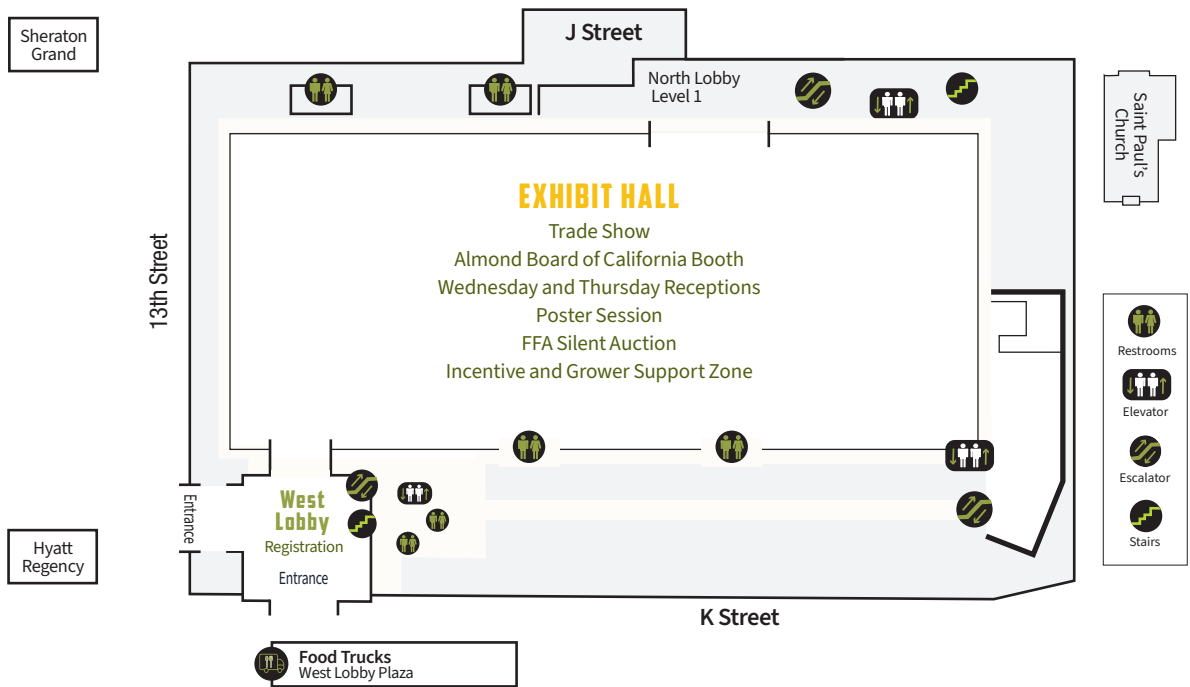
DECEMBER 8-10
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AT THE
**SAFE Credit Union
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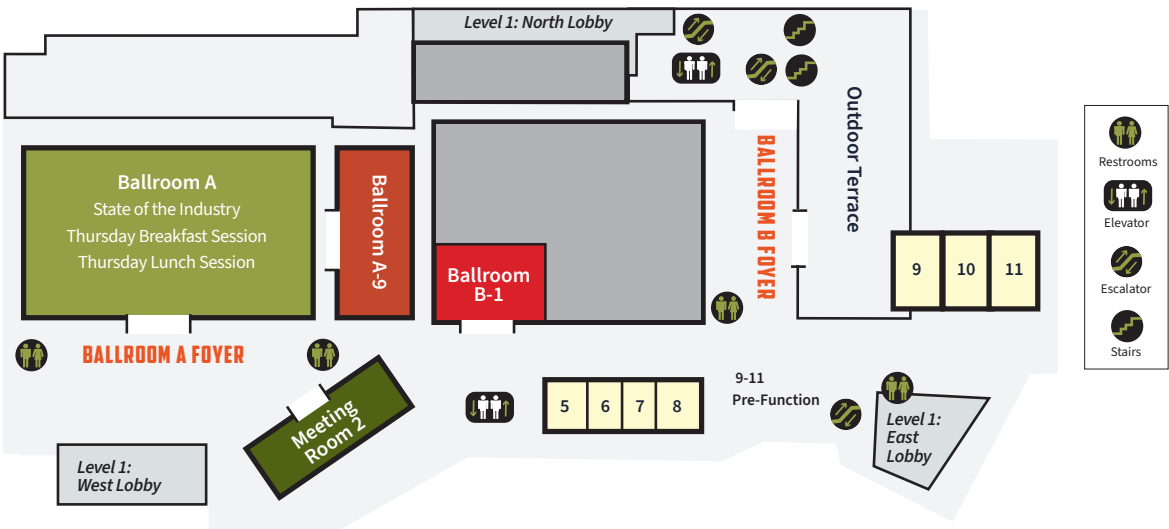


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2025 THE ALMOND CONFERENCE
CULTIVATING A HEALTHIER

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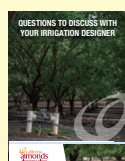
THE ALMOND BOARD'S BOOTH

WHERE YOU'LL FIND THE LATEST INSIGHTS AND
THE INDUSTRY'S MOST TRUSTED RESOURCES.

To further support almond growers and allied industry partners,
the Almond Board of California has partnered with UC ANR and other
industry experts to develop almond-specific resources. These resources
are available, free of cost, and meant to guide you on your almond journey.

NEW RESOURCES:

- 2025 Almond Almanac
- 2025 Research Update
- Guide to Irrigation Automation
in Almond Production
- Almond Orchard Irrigation
Design: Questions to Discuss
with Your Irrigation Designer
- Comparing Actual
Evapotranspiration (ETa) and
Crop Evapotranspiration (ETc)
for Irrigation Management
in Almond Production
- Soil Management:
Understanding and Managing
Soil for Almond Production
- Surrogate Guide: Guidelines
for Using *Enterococcus*
faecium NRRL B-2354 as a
Surrogate Microorganism in
Almond Process Validation



GROWER GUIDES:

- Almond Rootstocks
- Cover Crop BMPs
- Honey Bee BMPs
- Groundwater Recharge Guide
- Irrigation Resources
- Nitrogen BMPs
- Salinity Management
- Whole Orchard Recycling

HANDLER RESOURCES:

- Guide to California
Almonds Poster
- Technical Kit



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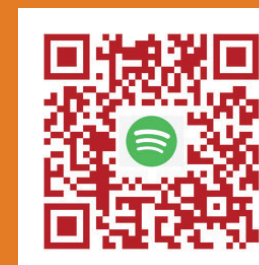
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1. **A staff member will be present** at the attendance table outside of each session room to help assist participants with the process.
2. **Attendees will check in before the session starts** by showing **photo ID** and signing in at the table located outside of the session room.
3. **Attendees will provide** name, email address, license type and number, and credit type that they wish to receive.
4. **Attendees must check out at the end of the session on the sign-in sheet.** Certificates of attendance will only be available after the session ends, and only to attendees leaving that session room.

MONITORING

One to two Almond Board of California staff members will monitor every session to ensure that attendees remain for the entire duration of the session. Attendees leaving early will be reminded that by doing so, they forfeit all credits for that session.

CERTIFICATES

- **Attendance information will be tracked** and compiled after the sessions.
- **Course Completion Certificates will only be provided** to attendees that were present for the entire duration of that session.
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Whether you're a grower, a pesticide applicator, a handler or any other almond industry professional, we have a course to fit your needs.

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TIME/LOCATION	SESSION	DPR CREDIT/UNIT	CCA CREDIT/UNIT	CDFA-IRRIGATION + NITROGEN MANAGEMENT (INMP) CREDIT/UNIT
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 10				
10:30–11:45 A.M. BALLROOM A-9	SOIL & IRRIGATION MANAGEMENT		1 Hour Soil & Water Management	1 Hour
12:30–1:45 P.M. BALLROOM A-9	REGENERATIVE FARMING: YOU'RE (PROBABLY) ALREADY DOING IT, HOW YOU BENEFIT AND WAYS TO DO MORE		1 Hour Sustainability	
THURSDAY DECEMBER 11				
10:30–11:30 A.M. MEETING ROOM 2	HONEY BEES & POLLINATION		1 Hour Integrated Pest Management	
10:30–11:30 A.M. BALLROOM B-1	PRODUCTION RESEARCH UPDATES		1 Hour Crop Management	
2:45–4:00 P.M. BALLROOM A-9	SELF-COMPATIBLE VARIETIES		1 Hour Crop Management	
FRIDAY DECEMBER 12				
9:00–10:30 A.M. BALLROOM B-1	RODENT CONTROL IN THE FACE OF CHANGING REGULATIONS	★	1.5 Hours Integrated Pest Management	
11:30 A.M.–1:00 P.M. BALLROOM B-1	STAYING AHEAD OF ALMOND PEST & DISEASE THREATS	1.5 Hours Other	1.5 Hours Integrated Pest Management	

★ Pending approval

WEDNESDAY CONFERENCE AGENDA
DECEMBER 10

Table with 2 columns: Activity, Time. Rows: EXHIBIT HALL 1:00–6:00 P.M., SESSIONS 10:30 A.M.–3:30 P.M., FOOD TRUCKS 11:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M., REGISTRATION 8:00 A.M.–6:00 P.M.

Main conference agenda table with 6 columns: Time, Ballroom A, Meeting Room 2, Ballroom A-9, Ballroom B-1, Exhibit Hall. Rows include sessions like '25 Years of Food Safety', 'Soil & Irrigation Management', 'State of the Industry', and 'Dedicated Trade Show Time'.

WEDNESDAY SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

25 YEARS OF FOOD SAFETY: WE’VE COME A LONG WAY!
10:30–11:45 A.M.
MEETING ROOM 2

Moderators: Brian Dunning (ShoEi Foods USA, Inc.), Karen Lapsley (ABC Technical Expert Review Panel Chairperson)
Speakers: Han Chen (Purdue University), Linda Harris (UC Davis)

Since the early 2000s, major achievements have been made in almond food safety. Come learn about the history and how significant challenges led to California almonds paving the way as the “Gold Standard” for nut food safety.

SOIL & IRRIGATION MANAGEMENT
10:30–11:45 A.M.
BALLROOM A-9

Moderator: Sebastian Saa (ABC)
Speakers: Tom Devol (Independent Consultant), Kyle Knipper (USDA ARS), Mae Culumber (UC ANR), Guillermo Valenzuela (Wiseconn)

Soil and irrigation management strongly influences tree–soil interactions and on-farm decisions. This session will highlight these dynamics and introduce new grower resources for soil management and irrigation design, efficiency and automation.

NAVIGATING HEADWINDS: POLICY, PESTS AND PROFITABILITY
10:30–11:45 A.M.
BALLROOM B-1

Moderator: Alexi Rodriguez (Almond Alliance)
Speakers: Blake Vann (Vann Family Orchards), Erin Norwood (Norwood Associates), Katie Staack (Grizzly Nut, LLC)

In today’s market, every policy decision counts. This session examines the key factors weighing on industry returns—including trade barriers, rodent infestations, state and federal regulatory changes, and crop estimate accuracy. The Almond Alliance will brief attendees on current advocacy initiatives, legislative priorities and collaborative efforts aimed at improving market conditions, supporting business viability and strengthening the competitiveness of California almonds across the value chain.

FOOD TRUCK VILLAGE
11:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M.
WEST LOBBY PLAZA

ALMOND HULLS AND SHELLS FOR FOOD USES
12:30–1:45 P.M.
MEETING ROOM 2

Moderator: Michael Kelley (Central California Almond Growers Association)
Speakers: Daniel Kurzrock (Upcycled Foods, Inc.), Emily Auerbach (Mattson Inc.), William Ghirardelli (Bühler Inc.), Mark Soberman (Bühler Inc.)

Almond hulls, rich in fiber, antioxidants and minerals, can be processed into powder or antioxidant-rich syrup and dietary fiber, etc. Fibrous almond shells can be converted into decomposable dinnerware. Learn about the opportunities and the path to developing the market for hulls as a value-added food ingredient and for shells as a value-added food package material.

REGENERATIVE FARMING: YOU’RE (PROBABLY) ALREADY DOING IT, HOW YOU BENEFIT AND WAYS TO DO MORE
12:30–1:45 P.M.
BALLROOM A-9

Moderator: Danielle Veenstra (ABC)
Speakers: Gabriele Ludwig (ABC), Tanya Gemperle-Goncalves (UC Davis), Silas Rossow (California Ag Solutions)

What is “regenerative agriculture” and why do buyers and retailers keep talking about it? Come learn how regenerative farming practices are already widely used in California almond production. This session will unpack the buzz, including a new analysis of CASP data on industry adoption, while sharing the latest agronomic research and farmer experiences and insights.

GLOBAL TRADE—KEEP YOUR SEATBELTS FASTENED!
12:30–1:45 P.M.
BALLROOM B-1

Moderator: Julie Adams (ABC)
Speakers: Julie Callahan (USTR), Jonathan Hoff (Monte Vista Farming Co.)

It’s been a turbulent year with trade winds that are shifting fast. This session dives into the current global trade agenda, emerging tariff and non-tariff priorities, new opportunities. . . and the uncertainties shaping export markets. Hear from the panel on how to stay informed, adapt quickly and grow demand in this evolving trade environment.

COFFEE BREAK
1:00–2:00 P.M.
BALLROOM A FOYER
Sponsored by TriCal Group



STATE OF THE INDUSTRY
2:00–3:30 P.M.
BALLROOM A

Speakers: Clarice Turner (President and CEO, ABC), Bob Silveira (ABC Board of Directors Chair)

The 2025 State of the Industry presentation at The Almond Conference will center on the theme “Cultivating a Healthier Future.” Led by Clarice Turner, the session will acknowledge industry challenges while highlighting how industry resilience, combined with the Almond Board of California’s focus on innovation and global demand-driving efforts, will help us pave the way for a successful future.

Key segments will include economic insights from Scott Clemons, a moderated discussion with select Board members past and present, and a global marketing update from Emily Fleischmann and Craig Duerr. The marketing update will provide context for all of the Almond Board’s work that goes into demand building, how we work hard to stretch each dollar and the exciting new activities to expand reach, strengthen consumer trust and elevate California almonds worldwide.

DEDICATED TRADE SHOW TIME AND OPENING RECEPTION
3:30–6:00 P.M.
EXHIBIT HALL

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THURSDAY CONFERENCE AGENDA
DECEMBER 11

Table with 2 columns: Activity, Time. Rows: EXHIBIT HALL 9:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M., SESSIONS 8:00 A.M.–4:00 P.M., FOOD TRUCKS 11:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M., REGISTRATION 7:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M.

Main conference agenda table with 6 columns: Time, Ballroom A, Meeting Room 2, Ballroom A-9, Ballroom B-1, Exhibit Hall. Rows include sessions like Breakfast Session, Coffee Break, Lunch Session, Honey Bees & Pollination, Crop Estimates and Acreage Tools, Production Research Updates, Exporting with Confidence, Self-Compatible Varieties, and Thursday Reception.

THURSDAY SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

BREAKFAST SESSION: ALMONDS IN ACTION—DRIVING INNOVATION IN FOOD AND BEVERAGES
8:00–9:30 A.M.
BALLROOM A
Speakers: Clarice Turner (ABC), Emily Fleischmann (ABC), Lu Ann Williams (Innova Market Insights), Amy Cesta (Schafer Condon Carter), Dr. Amitoj Singh (BCG)

Walk through any grocery store in the U.S. and you'll spot almonds in everything from plant-based beverages to indulgent snacks and better-for-you bakery items. The numbers back up what you see on the shelves: Nearly half of all almonds in the U.S. and Europe are used as ingredients in food and beverage products.

In this session, you'll hear from Lu Ann Williams, cofounder of Innova Market Insights, about the trends driving almond innovation and almond-forward product companies. Plus, learn how the Almond Board of California uses these insights to spark action, build partnerships and inspire food manufacturers to use more almonds.

DEDICATED TRADE SHOW TIME
9:30–10:30 A.M.
EXHIBIT HALL

COFFEE BREAK
9:30–10:30 A.M.
EXHIBIT HALL
Sponsored by G3 Enterprises Ag Transportation

RESEARCHER MEET AND GREET
COFFEE HOUR
9:30–10:30 A.M.
POSTER SESSION, EXHIBIT HALL

COFFEE BREAK
10:00–10:30 A.M.
BALLROOM A FOYER
Sponsored by Satake

HONEY BEES & POLLINATION
10:30–11:30 A.M.
MEETING ROOM 2
Moderator: Josette Lewis (ABC)
Speakers: Elina Niño (UC Davis), Matt Beekman (Beekeeper), Alexi Rodriguez (Almond Alliance)

Learn about the latest research on honey bee stocking rates for self-compatible almond varieties, the state of pollination services and the impact of pollinator endangered species on your farming operation.

CROP ESTIMATES AND ACREAGE TOOLS
10:30–11:30 A.M.
BALLROOM A-9
Moderator: Bryce Spycher (ABC)
Speakers: Brock Densel (ABC), Joel Kimmelshue (Land IQ), Megan Nunes (Bountiful), Stuart McAllister (Terra Nova Trading, Inc.)

Many sources of information for almond acreage and crop forecasts are readily available and widely used today, giving audiences more data points to assess crop potential. This panel session will take a look at the historical use of crop forecasts, the landscape today and what lies ahead.

PRODUCTION RESEARCH UPDATES
10:30–11:30 A.M.
BALLROOM B-1
Moderator: Sebastian Saa (ABC)
Speakers: Andreas Westphal (UC ANR), Franz Niederholzer (UC ANR), Roger Duncan (UC ANR, emeritus), Mohammad Yaghmour (UC ANR), Isaya Kisekka (UC Davis)

The Almond Board of California's Production Research program funds science-based solutions to help growers improve productivity, sustainability and profitability. This session highlights research along the production chain, offering insights into emerging innovations and practical tools for on-farm decision-making.

FOOD TRUCK VILLAGE
11:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M.
WEST LOBBY PLAZA

LUNCH SESSION: HOW NUTRITION IS DRIVING DEMAND AND A HEALTHIER TOMORROW
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11:30 A.M.–1:00 P.M.
BALLROOM A
Moderator: Dariela Roffe-Rackind (ABC)
Speakers: Phil Gowland (Whitworths), Frances Largeman-Roth (Registered Dietitian), Elena Hemler (ABC), Bobbie Williams (Registered Dietitian Nutritionist, Almond Grower)

Join us for a dynamic and future-focused lunch session that explores how the Almond Board of California is leveraging three decades of trusted nutrition research to drive the next wave of innovation and impact.

bold new approaches in health research and communications across the almond industry.

We'll spotlight a brand success story that brings almond health benefits to life in the marketplace. The session will culminate in a thought-provoking panel exploring what's next, emerging health trends, innovation opportunities and how the almond industry is cultivating a healthier future.

*The 2025 Almond Achievement Award and Almond Technical Achievement Award winners will be announced during this session. Visit an Onsite Registration kiosk to see if tickets are still available.

DEDICATED TRADE SHOW TIME AND SNACKS
1:00–2:30 P.M.
EXHIBIT HALL
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RESEARCHER MEET AND GREET
1:00–2:30 P.M.
POSTER SESSION, EXHIBIT HALL

EXPORTING WITH CONFIDENCE
2:45–4:00 P.M.
MEETING ROOM 2
Moderator: Anthony Sagariballa (The Almond Company)
Speakers: Tim Birmingham (ABC), Abhi Kulkarni (ABC)

This session will provide an overview of programs, tools and strategies used to assist with meeting export market requirements, building confidence in California almonds and minimizing rejections abroad.

SELF-COMPATIBLE VARIETIES
2:45–4:00 P.M.
BALLROOM A-9
Moderator: Sebastian Saa (ABC)
Speakers: Roger Duncan (UC ANR, emeritus), Luke Milliron (UC ANR), Tom Burchell (Burchell Nursery), Reid Robinson (Sierra Gold Nurseries), Josette Lewis (ABC)

Self-compatible almond varieties present exciting opportunities to improve production efficiency. This session will share insights from a decade of breeding trials, highlight promising selections and discuss the latest advances—including gene-edited Nonpareil—helping growers anticipate “what to plant next” and the potential advantages these varieties may bring.

THURSDAY RECEPTION AND DEDICATED TRADE SHOW TIME
3:30–5:00 P.M.
EXHIBIT HALL

FRIDAY CONFERENCE AGENDA
DECEMBER 12

EXHIBIT HALL	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.
SESSIONS	9:00 A.M.–1:00 P.M.
REGISTRATION	8:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.

	MEETING ROOM 2	BALLROOM B-1	EXHIBIT HALL
9:00 A.M.	Transportation and Logistics: Getting from Handler to Market	Rodent Control in the Face of Changing Regulations	Exhibit Hall Hours 9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.
9:30 A.M.			
10:00 A.M.			
10:30 A.M.			Dedicated Trade Show Time
11:00 A.M.			
11:30 A.M.	Almond Leadership Program Presentation and Graduation	Staying Ahead of Almond Pest & Disease Threats	
12:00 P.M.			
12:30 P.M.			
1:00 P.M.			

FRIDAY SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS: GETTING FROM HANDLER TO MARKET

9:00–10:30 A.M.
MEETING ROOM 2

Moderator: Brock Densel (ABC)
Speakers: Jessica Lamke-Blase (Innovative Sales International Division), Debbie McMillan (Derco Foods), TBC (Port of Oakland)

The majority of almond exports are shipped through the Port of Oakland. This session will explore the Port’s ongoing efforts to enhance operations at this critical hub for almond exporters. We’ll also hear from industry experts who will share their insights on the key logistical challenges involved in moving almonds from handlers to their final destinations.

RODENT CONTROL IN THE FACE OF CHANGING REGULATIONS

9:00–10:30 A.M.
BALLROOM B-1

Moderator: Gabriele Ludwig (ABC)
Speakers: Roger Baldwin (UC ANR), Elana Varner (CPDR)

Roger Baldwin, extension specialist for vertebrate pest control, will speak to the range of tools available to almond growers to monitor for and manage rodents such as ground squirrels, gophers, roof rats, etc., in and around their orchards. The session will include an update on regulatory activities at both the state and federal levels that may impact the use of key rodenticides for both orchards and food facilities.

DEDICATED TRADE SHOW TIME

10:30–11:30 A.M.
EXHIBIT HALL

ALMOND LEADERSHIP PROGRAM PRESENTATION AND GRADUATION

11:30 A.M.–1:00 P.M.
MEETING ROOM 2

Speaker: ALP Winning Class Member
Celebrate the 2025 Almond Leadership Program graduates and mentors! Join us for the Special Project presentations from this year’s award-winning class and help honor their achievements as they officially graduate.

Visit the Almond Board Booth #1018 to find out which project took top honors.

STAYING AHEAD OF ALMOND PEST & DISEASE THREATS

11:30 A.M.–1:00 P.M.
BALLROOM B-1

Moderator: Gabriele Ludwig (ABC)
Speakers: Houston Wilson (UC Riverside), Florent Trouillas (UC Davis), Jim Adaskaveg (UC Riverside)

This session highlights emerging pest and disease threats to almonds, including the invasive beetle *Carpophilus truncatus* and the fungal disease red leaf blotch. Experts will also share the latest research in the Almond Board of California’s research portfolio on additional priority diseases such as hull rot and *Phytophthora*. Growers and pest control advisors will gain practical insights to guide management decisions and protect orchard productivity.



Visit page 11 for a list of Almond Leadership Program graduates.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2025 ALMOND LEADERSHIP PROGRAM GRADUATES



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- Laine LaGrande, John Deere
- Brenden Lusk, Real Broker
- Joseph McManus, Wilson Ag
- Luis Mendoza, Syngenta
- Rajan Nagra, Flory Industries/COE Orchard Equipment
- Crystal Nay, Modern Ag Media
- Ricky Robledo, Trécé Inc.
- Kiki Sandrini, Chandler Automation
- Ranvir Tung, Tung Corporation
- Elizabeth Vander Weide, Blue Diamond Growers
- Jake Wiley, ProFarm Group (Marrone Bio)
- Bobbie Williams, Memorial Medical Center, WMD Farms

Visit this year's class members during Thursday's Poster Session—
9:30–10:30 A.M. and 1:00–2:30 P.M.—to hear about their special projects.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE 2025 MENTORS:

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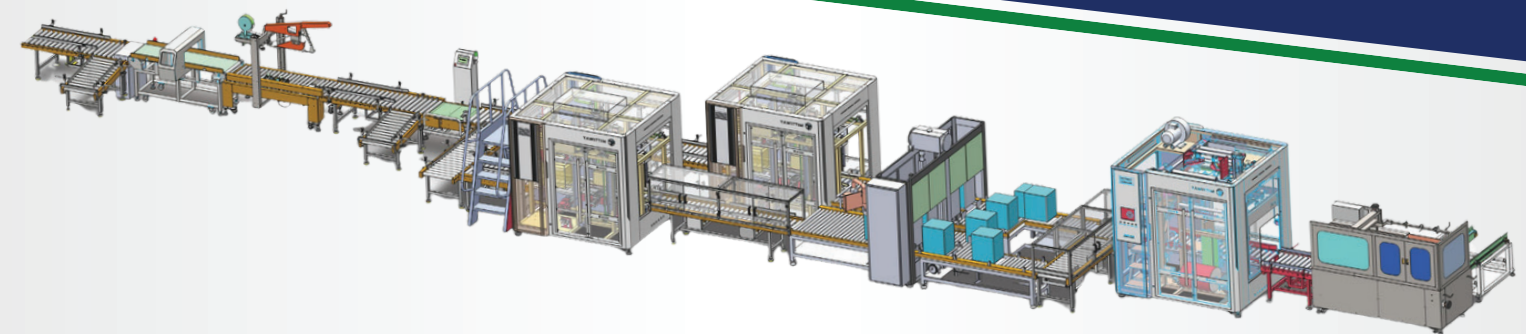


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The 2025 Almond Leadership Program participants have already raised more than \$20,000 for the California FFA Foundation through fundraisers and special events! Help us build upon this amount and continue to fund scholarships for high school students planning to attend college with an ag-related major.



The silent auction is open in the Exhibit Hall during the following days:

Wednesday | 1:00–6:00 P.M. • Thursday | 9:00 A.M.–4:00 P.M. | Auction Checkout 4:00–5:00 P.M.

The auction will close out at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday. Winners need not be present. If you are not present, FFA staff will contact you to collect payment and arrange item delivery.



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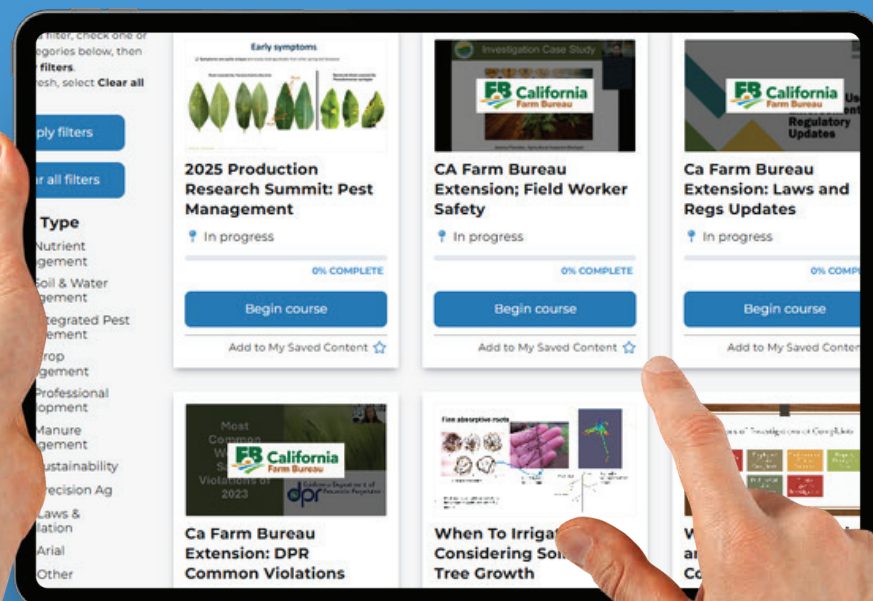


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The Voice of American Almonds

The Almond Alliance is the leading authority in state and national policy, championing American almond farmers, industry and community for the continued global growth, innovation, and success of American almonds and agriculture. The Alliance is dedicated to providing resources and solutions for our members, ensuring industry success and growth opportunities.



Created by the Almond Alliance in 2014, the **Almond Political Action Committee (Almond PAC)** protects our industry and promotes shared interests within the community. The Almond PAC capitalizes on Individual contributions and collectively attributes them strategically to key candidates for Congressional and California statewide elections.



An Almond Alliance Initiative, **Pollinator Alliance** is a hub for California almond growers, providing resources and programs that protect, nurture, and promote our symbiotic relationship with pollinators. In partnership with Great Valley Seed, Pollinator Alliance is developing native plant and seed supplies. For more information about the program, visit **PollinatorAlliance.Farm**.

Visit our Booth #1333

VISIT THE INCENTIVE AND GROWER SUPPORT ZONE!

The **Incentive and Grower Support Zone** is returning to The Almond Conference! This is **THE** place to learn about incentives and other forms of support. Many of these incentive programs began as research projects with funding from the Almond Board of California, with proven agronomic benefits.

Grower incentives through federal, state and local programs provide funding for adoption of many practices of interest to almond growers, including Resource Conservation Districts, many of which have received block grants to fund growers.

Examples of available funding include:

- More efficient irrigation, distribution uniformity testing and nutrient management systems
- Cleaner on-farm equipment
- Low-dust harvesters
- Habitat projects including pollinator hedges
- Navel orangeworm mating disruption and integrated pest management
- Planning grants and many other practices

The tables with agency staff and program materials are located near the main entrance of the Exhibit Hall. Just keep an eye out and you can't miss it.

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in the
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