



INTERNATIONAL FUSARIUM WILT OF LETTUCE SYMPOSIUM

Pivot Point Conference Center -- Yuma, Arizona

Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2015

5:30-6:30 PM Hosted Social Mixer/Reception; Registration Opens – Sponsored by Taylor Farms Anza/Redondo Rooms

Thursday, Nov. 12, 2015 MAIN CONFERENCE – Colorado River/Castle Rooms
6 AZ/CA Pesticide Applicator & PCA and 5.5 CCA approved CEUs

8:00 AM Registration and Continental Breakfast
Sponsored by Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation

8:30 AM Welcome and Conference Overview
Paul Brierley, Director, Yuma Center of Excellence for Desert Agriculture

8:45 AM Session 1: A Global Overview of Fusarium Wilt of Lettuce
Moderator: Barry Pryor, University of Arizona

1. 8:45 AM - “Fusarium Wilt on Vegetables and Lettuce: Importance, Diagnostics and Challenges”

Steven Koike, University of California Cooperative Extension, Monterey County

2. 9:03 AM - “Fusarium Wilt of Lettuce in Japan: Applications in Integrated Disease Management” - Masashi Fujinaga, Nagano Prefecture Agricultural Experiment Station

3. 9:21 AM - “Fusarium Wilt of Lettuce: The Arizona Story”

Mike Matheron, University of Arizona

4. 9:39 AM - “Fusarium Wilt of Lettuce in Europe”

Lodovica Gullino, Agroinnova Research Center, University of Turin, Italy

5. 9:57 AM - “Managing Fusarium Wilt of Lettuce in Brazil”

Ainton Reis, EMBRAPA, Brazil

10:15 AM Networking Snack Break - Sponsored by the Yuma Fresh Vegetable Association

10:30 AM Session 2: Tools for Management of Fusarium Wilt of Lettuce
Moderator: Dr. Mike Matheron, University of Arizona

1. 10:30 AM - “Factors Influencing Severity of Fusarium Wilt of Lettuce in California”

Tom Gordon, University of California, Davis

2. 10:48 AM - “Detection, Management & Impact of Seedborne Inoculum on Fusarium Wilt of Lettuce” - Barry Pryor, University of Arizona

3. 11:06 AM - “Fusarium Wilt Management in Organic Production/Biocontrol”

Lodovica Gullino, Agroinnova Research Center, University of Turin, Italy

4. 11:24 AM - “Genetics and Genomics of Disease Resistance in Lettuce with Particular Reference to *Fusarium* Wilt Resistance” - Richard Michelmores, University of CA, Davis

5. 11:42 AM - “USDA Breeding Efforts and Successes to Date”

Jim McCreight, USDA Salinas Research Station

12:00 PM Networking Lunch – Sponsored by Tanimura & Antle - Gila/Southern Pacific Room

12:45 PM **Session 3: Colorado River/Castle Rooms**
Practical Management Strategies: Successes and Failures from the Field
Moderator: **Kurt Nolte**, University of Arizona

Grower/Industry Panel:

Clark Webb, Product Development, The Dune Company

Hank Giclas, VP, Strategic Planning, Science & Technology, Western Growers Association

Jesus Tovar, Owner, T&P Farms

Larry Knerr, Director of Research & Development, 3 Star Lettuce

Mary Zischke, CEO, California Leafy Greens Research Program

Matt McGuire, General Manager, JV Farms

2:15 PM Bus Leaves for Field Trip to Fusarium Wilt Variety Trial

2:45 PM Visit Fusarium Wilt Variety Trial

4:00 PM Bus Tour of Yuma Agriculture

5:00 PM Bus Returns to Conference Center

6:00 PM Hosted Reception and Dinner – Sponsored by JV Farms, Barkley Ag Enterprises and Gowan Co. - Quartermaster Depot

Friday, Nov. 13, 2015 BRAINSTORMING SESSION – INVITATION ONLY

8:00 AM Continental Breakfast – Colorado River Room

8:30 AM Review of Day 1; Overview of Day 2

8:45 AM Facilitated Brainstorming Session
Defining the most promising near-term solutions/management tools and an overarching initiative to accomplish them (including project partners and funding resources)

11:30 AM Symposium Wrap-up and Adjourn

For more information and free registration: <http://yceda.cals.arizona.edu> (Register by October 18th)
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