

2019 FUSARIUM WILT OF LETTUCE FIELD DAY SPEAKERS



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Dr. Jim McCreight is the Location Coordinator and Research Leader for the Crop Improvement and Protection Research Unit at USDA-ARS in Salinas, California. He has been active in melon and lettuce breeding research for 43 years, beginning in 1997 in Imperial Valley. Dr. McCreight's current lettuce research includes:

1. Combining Fusarium wilt and Verticillium wilt resistances
2. Lettuce aphid resistance

At the 2019 Fusarium Wilt of Lettuce Field Day, Dr. McCreight will talk about the USDA Fusarium wilt resistant lines approved for release this year.



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Dr. Stephanie Slinski is the associate director of research at the Yuma Center of Excellence for Desert Agriculture (YCEDA). She is a plant pathologist with a broad research background working with fungal and bacterial diseases including diseases caused by Fusarium species. Dr. Slinski has experience working with researchers and with the agriculture industry to develop solutions to pressing plant production needs. Before coming to the Yuma Center of Excellence in 2018, Dr. Slinski worked with researchers and the Florida citrus industry to develop research projects and manage citrus research funding.