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Yuma Center of Excellence for Desert Agriculture

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New Developments

YCEDA has entered its third year, and things are steadily progressing! We will be hiring a Research Professional (non-faculty Ph.D. Researcher) to lead research and funding efforts for our projects on soil-borne disease mitigation and soil health. This position will be jointly funded by CALS Office of Research. Additionally, we are building a drone program to develop applications and perform research with remote sensing. A new Drone Program Coordinator, jointly funded by CALS Cooperative Extension, will be hired to develop this program.

Welcome Aboard Rosa Bevington

We are pleased to announce the addition of Rosa Bevington to our staff. Rosa is a media specialist with four years experience in the UA Cooperative Extension system and is also experienced using drones in agricultural applications. At YCEDA, she will keep us active on social media, grow our library of informational videos, assist with website updates and will be key to expanding YCEDA’s drone program. Part of Rosa’s time and efforts will be also be utilized and funded by related research programs within the UA Cooperative Extension Service.



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Our website has a new look! Information about current projects and upcoming events will keep you up to date on what is happening. Coming soon: a LEARN tab with a series of useful web pages dedicated to plant diseases, soil health, plant pests, food safety, water and precision agriculture! Watch for this to be added in July. Remember to connect with us on our website and follow us on social media!

A FEW MORE HIGHLIGHTS...

- We received over \$100,000 in funding to purchase equipment to measure water management and soil salinity characteristics.
- We have two years of Fusarium Trials under our belt! New Fusarium wilt of lettuce trials conducted by Dr. Barry Pryor and Dr. Mike Matheron are finished. They will present new developments and data at our April 12 seminar to help you make planting and management decisions.

SAVE THE DATE...

Center of Excellence Seminar Series

New Developments in Managing
Fusarium Wilt of Lettuce

April 12 - 9:30 AM
Yuma Ag Center