the Almond ENCE CONFERENCE 2019 PROGRAM





Dear Almond Community Members and Stakeholders,

It is again my distinct pleasure to welcome you to The Almond Conference, now in its 47th year. I hope you enjoy this year's venue at Sacramento's historic Cal Expo, the location of the California State Fair and other events. We look forward to returning to the newly renovated Sacramento Convention Center in 2020.

The 2018/19 crop year was indeed eventful with many solid achievements. From the successful launch of the Almond Orchard 2025 Goals to the development of the Goals Roadmap that will be rolled out at the conference, we are off to a great start on our journey to make life better by what we grow and how we grow.

On the food safety front, almonds were exempted from FSMA produce safety requirements, according to FDA enforcement guidance issued in March, and Almond Board of California (ABC) received the GMA Food Safety Award from the International Association of Food Safety Professionals at their conference in July. Two special events—Navigating the Waters and the Navel Orangeworm Summit—prepared growers for two significant challenges facing the industry. It's been a busy and productive year.

Looming largely throughout the year was the ever-evolving global trade environment, which presented challenges on many fronts. However, the industry did an outstanding job of dealing with this situation, shipping a record volume and rounding out the crop year with minimal inventory. At this year's conference, we will reflect on recent events and look forward to what we expect of the 2019/20 crop year and beyond.

In line with the change of venue this year, the agenda has also been reworked a bit. The conference will open first thing on Tuesday morning and will end at noon on Thursday. We will not have a Gala Banquet this year. Instead, we will hold evening receptions Tuesday and Wednesday on the expanded exhibit hall floor, featuring a record number of exhibitors (and a Best of Show exhibit contest!). All educational sessions will be held in three large climatecontrolled tents constructed especially for our event. The State of the Industry address, luncheons on Tuesday and Wednesday, and Thursday's general session will be held in the expansive Building C on the grounds. As we continue to utilize downtown Sacramento's hotels, frequent transportation will be provided between downtown and Cal Expo.

As with every prior year, ABC staff and its collaborators have developed a very comprehensive agenda that touches every aspect of the industry. I recommend that you attend all three days of the conference so that you can avail yourself of as much presentation content and discussion as possible. To make the most of your time, I recommend you bring your family and business colleagues along so that you can split up and attend concurrent sessions, debriefing and sharing what you've learned over a cup of coffee or a glass of wine at the end of the day.

Your chair Holly A. King and I will share our thoughts about the recent past, present and future of California almonds during the State of the Industry presentation on Tuesday at 10:15 a.m. Be sure to attend this session as Holly and I really enjoy the opportunity to share with you the progress that the industry has made since we last met and what we foresee as the industry's major opportunities within our grasp.

I wish you a very enjoyable Almond Conference 2019 and hope that it will exceed your expectations as we continue our endeavor to be the best agricultural industry in the world.

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Richard Waycott, President and CEO



WHAT'S NEW



Hotel Shuttle Schedule

Shuttle service will be provided by The Almond Conference from the downtown hotels to Cal Expo daily.

- Downtown Pickup Location: Hyatt Sacramento Front Drive
- Cal Expo Pickup and Drop-Off Location: Blue Gate at Cal Expo

SHUTTLE SCHEDULE	Runs every 15 minutes during designated times.
Tuesday, December 10	
6:45–10:45 a.m.	Hyatt Sacramento Front Drive to Cal Expo
10:45 a.m.–3:30 p.m.	NO SHUTTLE SERVICE
3:30–6:30 p.m.	Cal Expo Blue Gate to Hyatt Sacramento
Wednesday, December	11
6:45–10:45 a.m.	Hyatt Sacramento Front Drive to Cal Expo
10:45 a.m.–3:30 p.m.	NO SHUTTLE SERVICE
3:30–6:30 p.m.	Cal Expo Blue Gate to Hyatt Sacramento
Thursday, December 1	2
6:45 a.m.–1:30 p.m. 6:45 a.m.–1:30 p.m.	Hyatt Sacramento Front Drive to Cal Expo Cal Expo Blue Gate to Hyatt Sacramento



Two Exhibit Halls

The 2019 exhibition is larger than ever, with a second hall to accommodate the growing demand for booth space. Make sure you visit Building D and the Pavilion to see all the 2019 exhibitors.



Food Truck Village

If you don't have time to attend one of the hosted lunches and are unsure of your plans, we've got you covered. An assortment of SactoMoFo food trucks will be available. The Food Truck Village is located next to Building D and will be open on **Tuesday and Wednesday from 11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.** Cash and credit cards are accepted.



Continental Breakfast

Enjoy a continental breakfast on the exhibit hall floors (Building D and the Pavilion) on **Thursday**, **December 12**. **Breakfast will be offered from 7:30–8:30** a.m.



Best of Show Booth Competition

Exhibitors were encouraged to create an engaging booth space aligned with the Best of Show State Fair theme. Judging takes place on Tuesday, December 10 from 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. The winner will be announced at the Tuesday evening Opening Reception. Best of Show Booth Competition Participants:

- Bühler, Inc. #341
- CPM Wolverine Proctor #612
- Live Earth Products, Inc. #712
- MPA Solutions #105
- Nichino America, Inc. #927
- Sentera #1913
- Solid Networks, Inc. #835
- Valley Truck & Tractor-John Deere #1141



TUESDAY DEC 10



Aflatoxin: Prevention is Better Than a Cure

11:40 a.m.–12:00 p.m. | Brendan O'Donnell, Global Category Director, Nuts, TOMRA Sorting Solutions

The true cost of contaminated almonds is far reaching; not only is there a potential human cost in terms of health, but the implications of trade issues, shipment delays and rejections can present significant challenges in terms of lost business, waste and consumer confidence. Brendan O'Donnell, Global Category Director – Nuts, at TOMRA Sorting Solutions, explains the value in employing effective in-orchard and post-harvest controls to help minimize toxin levels.



Serious Innovations in Navel Orangeworm Mating Disruption

12:10–12:30 p.m. | Dani Casado, Ph.D., Director of Product Development, Suterra, LLC

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WEDNESDAY DEC 11



Real-Time Electronic Sensor Detection of All Life Stages of the Indianmeal Moth and Navel Orangeworm

9:05–9:25 a.m. | Nick Smilanch, Sue Evans, Sam Reichert, Frank Tudron

Electronic real-time insect detection of the indianmeal moth and navel orangeworm is now available! Come and see how Sensor Development Corporation's (SDC) new electronic sensor device is ushering in a new era in pest management that will be a vital data tool in your stored product protection program. SDC's pioneering device detects all life stages–eggs, larvae and adult moths. A limited number of beta test units will be available for purchase in January 2020. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about the future of pest management.



Impact Summary: A Decade of Savings for Agriculture

9:30–9:50 a.m. | Chad Cummings, Director of Sales and Marketing, JKB Energy

Come learn insights on the value solar has provided to California's ag industry over the previous 10 years and what opportunities lie ahead to mitigate rising energy costs.



Reduce NOW Damage through Improved Spray Timing

10:00–10:20 a.m. | Jordan Hazell, Entomologist & Research Manager, Semios

Hullsplit is the most vulnerable stage of almond development for navel orangeworm control. For optimum damage prevention, accurately timing the application of control materials is critical. Many growers and their PCAs are tasked with the challenge of tracking hullsplit progression, navel orangeworm (NOW) flight development and the logistics of getting spray rigs in the right place at the right time. In this two-season case study, Semios reviews how in-canopy tracking, measurement of navel orangeworm flight development and its relationship to hullsplit timing were used to increase the accuracy of control material applications for reduced NOW damage.



Latest Innovations for Almond Processing

11:40 a.m.–12:00 p.m. | Charles Boddy, Global Sales Manager, Borrell USA

Join us for a presentation summarizing a very brief history of 100 years of almond equipment manufacturing, focusing on the groundbreaking range of new, patented equipment being launched for hulling and shelling, blanching, roasting and value added.

WEDNESDAY DEC 11 CONTINUED



Providing Support to Growers through Fumigation and Trial Research to Help Improve Nematode Control

12:10–12:30 p.m. Kristi Sanchez, Nematologist/Senior Researcher, TriCal, Inc., TriCal Diagnostics

- Introducing TCD services, a branch of TriCal expanding our services to growers
- \cdot Overview of key plant parasitic nematodes that cause harm to almonds
- Importance of nematode control leading into fumigation as key pretreatment fumigation with Telone and added strip PIC (show data on the value it brings for growers)
- TriCal field trials we have initiated, examining integrated nematode management program for growers (PIC only + contact nematicide and/or Telone + contact nematicide)

THURSDAY DEC 12



Almond Brown Ale Beer, On the Fritz 10:40–11:00 a.m.

Join us for the award-winning Almond Leadership Special Project Presentation, selected by the peers and mentors of the program. Hear from two participants who collaborated with Temblor Brewing Company to develop an almond beer.





AVAILABLE CCA CREDITS

TUESDAY DECEMBER 10

TIME	SESSION	CREDIT/UNITS
8:00–9:00 a.m.	The ABCs of ABC (Room 1)	1/Professional Development
8:00–9:00 a.m.	How to Deal with Rejection (Room 2)	1/Professional Development
8:00–9:00 a.m.	Journey Toward Off-Ground Harvest (Room 3)	1/Crop Management
9:15-10:00 a.m.	Almond Orchard 2025 Goals: The Roadmap to Success (Room 1)	0.5/Crop Management
9:15-10:00 a.m.	Research Update: Reaching Potential and Sustainable Yields (Room 3)	0.5/Nutrient Management
10:15-11:30 a.m.	State of the Industry (Building C)	1/Professional Development
2:15-3:15 p.m.	AgTech Innovation: Bringing Silicon Valley to the Central Valley Orchard (Room 1)	1/Professional Development
2:15–3:15 p.m.	Research Update: Nutrient Management (Room 3)	1/Nutrient Management
3:30–4:30 p.m.	Almond Production Estimates: Nuts and Bolts of Different Models (Room 1)	1/Professional Development
3:30–4:30 p.m.	Why Does My Handler Want Me to Participate in the California Almond Sustainability Program? (Room 2)	1/Sustainability
3:30–4:30 p.m.	What's New in Pollination (Room 3)	1/Crop Management

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8:00–9:00 a.m.	New and Expanding Plant Diseases: Hull Rot and Ganoderma (Room 3)	1/Nutrient Management
10:45-11:30 a.m.	Alternatives for Managing Replant Pests and Problematic Weeds (Room 3)	0.5/Integrated Pest Management
2:15–3:15 p.m.	Sterile Insect Control of Navel Orangeworm (Room 1)	1/Integrated Pest Management
2:15-3:15 p.m.	Could Cover Crops or Whole Orchard Recycling Help with Orchard Management? (Room 3)	1/Crop Management
3:30–4:30 p.m.	Incentive Assistance: Help Applying for Grants that Fund On-Farm Practices (Room 1)	1/Professional Development
3:30–4:30 p.m.	Pest Management Considerations in an Ever-Changing Regulatory Environment (Room 3)	1/Integrated Pest Management

THURSDAY DECEMBER 12

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9:45-10:30 a.m.	Latest and Greatest Commercial Uses of Woody Almond Biomass (Room 1)	0.5/Professional Development
9:45–10:30 a.m.	SGMA and Recharge: How to Make Lemonade Out of Groundwater Regulation (Room 3)	0.5/Soil and Water Management
11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.	More Almond Hulls for California Dairy Cows? (Room 1)	0.5/Professional Development
11:30 a.m12:15 p.m.	Advocacy Update: Sacramento and D.C. Legislative Update (Room 2)	0.5/Professional Development
11:30 a.m12:15 p.m.	Research Update: How Much and When to Irrigate (Room 3)	0.5/Soil and Water Management



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8:00–9:00 a.m.	New and Expanding Plant Diseases: Hull Rot and Ganoderma (Room 3)	1/Other
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CEU INSTRUCTIONS

Who needs CEUs?

Growers (Private Applicator Certificate), Pest Control Advisors (PCA), Qualified Applicator License (QAL), Qualified Applicator Certificate (QAC), Certified Crop Advisor (CCA)

What types of CEUs are offered at The Almond Conference?

Tuesday: CCA • Wednesday: CCA and DPR • Thursday: CCA

Sign-in sheets

Sign-in sheets are in the back of each session room.

CCA CEUs

You are responsible for signing in and out of the session you are attending. No verification forms will be provided.

DPR CEUs

Pick up DPR scantrons at the CEU kiosk. Sign in at the beginning and sign out at the end of each session you attend. It is your responsibility to complete and turn in your scantron at the end of the day to the CEU kiosk. If you need to leave a session early, you must sign out at the back of the room to adjust your hours. If you do not sign in or out at each of the sessions you attend, you will not get credit. Once you turn in your scantron at the CEU kiosk, you will receive a verification form.

Special instructions for Wednesday

Those obtaining DPR credits will need to pick up their scantrons in the morning at the CEU kiosk before the first session of the day. There will be **three different scantrons, one for each session offering DPR credits.** You will need to return your scantrons at the end of the day to the booth or back of the classroom if you are done attending sessions. This is in addition to signing in and out of each session you attend.

CEU Kiosk Hours

TUESDAY: 7:30–10:00 a.m. and 3:30–5:00 p.m. **WEDNESDAY:** 7:30–10:00 a.m. and 3:30–5:00 p.m. **THURSDAY:** 9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.



Special thanks to the 2019 Silver Sponsor, TOMRA Sorting Solutions, for supporting the registration and CEU kiosks.

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TUESDAY DAY ONE | DECEMBER 10 **CONFERENCE** AGENDA

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11:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M. • PAVILION + BUILDING D

Dedicated Trade Show Time and Coffee Break



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3:30-4:30 P.M. • ROOM 1

3:30-4:30 P.M. • ROOM 2 Why Does My Handler Want Me to Participate in the California Almond Sustainability Program?

3:30-4:30 P.M. • ROOM 3

4:30-6:00 P.M. • PAVILION + BUILDING D Dedicated Trade Show Time



4:30-6:00 P.M. • PAVILION







TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10



THE ABCs OF ABC

8:00-9:00 A.M. ROOM 1

Speakers: Emily Fleischmann (ABC), Julie Adams (ABC), Karen Lapsley (ABC), Daren Williams (ABC), Josette Lewis (ABC)

Whether you are an almond grower, processor or allied industry member, you have a stake in the success of the California almond industry and the Almond Board of California. Attend this session to meet the people behind the plan of work for 2019/20 and how you can plug in to ensure the industry continues to thrive and grow.

HOW TO DEAL WITH REJECTION

8:00-9:00 A.M. ROOM 2

Moderator: Geoffrey Bogart (ABC) Speakers: Nico Blonk (Synergy Food Ingredients and Processing), Tim Birmingham (ABC)

Everyone loves almonds, but even almonds have experienced rejection. This session will address the rejection of consignments exceeding aflatoxin tolerances in the EU and Japan, as well as foreign government regulations, inspection levels, reprocessing options and goods return considerations. This session will also cover industry best practices for dealing with rejections.

JOURNEY TOWARD OFF-GROUND HARVEST

8:00–9:00 A.M. ROOM 3

Moderator: Sebastian Saa (ABC) Speakers: Brian Wahlbrink (Sperry Farms), Chris Simmons (UC Davis), Patrick Brown (UC Davis), Michael Coates (Plant and Food Research Australia), Ted DeJong (UC Davis), Zhongli Pan (UC Davis)

Ever wonder what it takes to successfully harvest almonds without the crop touching the ground? Let's discuss it! This session will feature a panel discussion on what it means to move toward off-ground harvest, including growers' experiences, an economic analysis of this practice, drying options, orchard reconfiguration and much more!

Almond Stage

Presentations

Food and

Beverage

ALMOND ORCHARD 2025 GOALS: THE ROADMAP TO SUCCESS

9:15-10:00 A.M. ROOM 1

Speakers: Mel Machado (Blue Diamond Growers), Josette Lewis (ABC), Daren Williams (ABC)

The Almond Orchard 2025 Goals were launched this past year and set a destination for the almond orchard of the future. What progress have we made in the first year? Are we on track to achieve the goals by 2025? What's the next step on the journey? These and other questions will be answered in this session introducing the Almond Orchard 2025 Goals Roadmap.

TARIFFS AND TRADE: CHAOS THEORY ON A GLOBAL LEVEL!

9:15-10:00 A.M. ROOM 2

Moderator: Julie Adams (ABC) Speakers: Jason Hafemeister (USDA Special Trade Advisor), Cynthia Xing (Yuan Associates)

The global trade environment has never been more dynamic. U.S. negotiators are seeking "free and fair" market access, but so are our trade partners. Finding the right balance is a challenge and the path to an acceptable tariff or technical solution is rarely straight (or fast). Come hear about the broader trade agenda and what future export growth could mean for almonds.

RESEARCH UPDATE: REACHING POTENTIAL AND SUSTAINABLE YIELDS

9:15-10:00 A.M.

Refreshments

ROOM 3

Moderator: Sebastian Saa (ABC) Speakers: Bruce Lampinen (UC ANR), Roger Duncan (UC ANR), Franz Niederholzer (UC ANR), Katherine Jarvis-Shean (UC ANR)

One of the keys for a successful, long-term relationship with your trees is to understand them, but first you must learn to speak their language. In this session, we will discuss some pomological concepts that will help you manage your orchard to achieve high sustainable yields.



STATE OF THE INDUSTRY

10:15-11:30 A.M. BUILDING C

Speakers: Holly A. King (Triple Crown Holdings, LP), Richard Waycott (ABC)

ABC Chair Holly A. King and President/CEO Richard Waycott will share industry accomplishments during the 2018/19 crop year and discuss what the Board of Directors and ABC staff have established as priorities for the years ahead. This session will include updates on the industry's progress toward the Almond Orchard 2025 Goals, as well as an overview of the longerterm outlook for our industry, given the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), pollination challenges and increases in global almond production. Holly and Richard will also celebrate the industry's successes, including achieving record shipments in a year of considerable trade upheaval and a globally recognized sustainability program. Rounding out this session, the 2019 Almond Achievement Award winner will be announced. Be sure to attend this session for important insights into the future of the California almond industry.

DEDICATED TRADE SHOW TIME AND COFFEE BREAK

11:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.



ALMOND STAGE, BUILDING D

Speaker: Brendan O'Donnell (TOMRA Sorting Solutions)

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SERIOUS INNOVATIONS IN NAVEL ORANGEWORM MATING DISRUPTION Suterra

12:10-12:30 P.M. ALMOND STAGE, BUILDING D

Spea*ker:* Dani Casado, Ph.D., (Suterra)

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LUNCH: GOING FOR GOLD... AGAIN!

12:30-2:00 P.M BUILDING C



Moderator: Ali Cox (AC&C Marketing) Speaker: Kerri Walsh Jennings

California native and former Stanford All-American Kerri Walsh Jennings became the most decorated beach volleyball Olympian of all time after winning a bronze medal in 2016, adding to the three gold medals she earned in 2012, 2008 and 2004. The five-time Olympian and mother of three will be shooting to make her sixth Olympics in 2020. Starting in February 2020 through the Summer Olympics, Kerri will be the spokesperson for California almonds. Join us for lunch and a casual conversation with Kerri to learn how she moves from mom to Super Olympian fueled by almonds.

AGTECH INNOVATION: BRINGING SILICON VALLEY TO THE CENTRAL VALLEY ORCHARD

2:15-3:15 P.M. ROOM 1

Moderator: Josette Lewis (ABC) Speakers: Michael Santiago (FloraPulse), Iftach Birger (Fieldin), Ellie Symes (The BeeCorp)

A taste of start-up companies bringing new technologies to the almond orchard.

ABC GLOBAL MARKET DEVELOPMENT: BY THE NUMBERS

2:15-3:15 P.M. ROOM 2

Moderator: Brian Ezell (The Wonderful Company) Speakers: Emily Fleischmann (ABC), Laurel Muir (SRG)

Growing global consumer demand has been pivotal to the success of the industry and the future will be no different. Given this, the Almond Board is constantly seeking to strike the right balance between stretching grower dollars across the globe and striving for the deepest impact in each market. This session will highlight some of the key learnings in this journey and some expectations for the future.

RESEARCH UPDATE: NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT

2:15–3:15 P.M. ROOM 3

Moderator: Sebastian Saa (ABC) Speakers: Steve Petrie (Yara North America), Jesse Roseman (ABC), Patrick Brown (UC Davis)

Let's review the fundamentals of nutrient management for almond production. We will start with a talk from our platinum sponsor Yara about nutrient-use efficiency, then discuss nitrogen regulations and the management of essential nutrients such as potassium, boron and zinc.



ALMOND PRODUCTION ESTIMATES: NUTS AND BOLTS OF DIFFERENT MODELS

3:30-4:30 P.M. ROOM 1

Moderator: Stuart McAllister (TerraNova) Speakers: Gary Keough (NASS),

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Production estimates can drive markets, but different models can produce differing results. ABC's Land IQ orchard mapping provides accurate information about bearing acres each year, but yield estimates are often more variable. Join this session for a chance to hear from NASS on how official estimates are developed and from private firms that develop their own annual production estimates.

WHY DOES MY HANDLER WANT ME TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CALIFORNIA ALMOND SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM?

3:30-4:30 P.M. ROOM 2

Moderator: Gabriele Ludwig (ABC) Speakers: Ben Goudie (Blue Diamond Growers), Eric Harris (SureHarvest), Donny Hicks (Hughson Nut), Grower (TBC)

Almonds are the #1 nut in new product introductions globally! As almond popularity continues to grow, large food manufacturers are conducting sustainability risk assessments on their key ingredients. This translates to almond handlers fielding more questions than ever related to how almonds are grown. The California Almond Sustainability Program (CASP), the only almond-focused sustainability self-assessment, is becoming a critical tool to help handlers answer questions from buyers about almond production. What's more, CASP data documenting industry sustainability practices is giving manufacturers even more reasons to include almonds in their next product launch. Attend this session to learn how you can join the journey!

BEES: WHAT'S NEW IN POLLINATION?

3:30-4:30 P.M. ROOM 3

Moderator: Josette Lewis (ABC) Speakers: Ben King (Pacific Gold Ag), Louie Mendoza (Butte County Ag Commissioner), Laurie Adams (Pollinator Partnership), Danielle Veenstra (ABC)

Almond productivity starts with healthy bees, and bee health impacts consumer perceptions of the sustainability of our product. Learn about new ways to improve bee health as well as the importance of communicating with all pollination stakeholders during bloom.

DEDICATED TRADE SHOW TIME AND OPENING RECEPTION SPONSORED BY ABC 004:30-6:00 P.M.

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RESEARCH POSTER SESSION

4:30-6:00 P.M. PAVILION



10 YEARS OF PROGRESS

JOIN THE JOURNEY

All attendees are encouraged to attend the State of the Industry address, which will be held on Tuesday morning, December 10. During the address, ABC President and CEO Richard Waycott and ABC Chair Holly A. King will discuss the Almond Orchard 2025 Goals and the industry's journey toward the almond orchard of the future. They will also highlight the 10-year anniversary of the California Almond Sustainability Program (CASP). Also, make sure to attend the Wednesday evening reception in the Pavilion and Building D to toast to 10 years of CASP!

CASP uses grower-submitted production information to demonstrate the sustainability of our industry to buyers, regulators and consumers, and helps growers find ways to create efficiencies in their operations. Now in its 10th year, CASP represents 22% of the almond acreage in California, and that number continues to grow.

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WEDNESDAY DAY TWO | DECEMBER 11 **CONFERENCE AGENDA**

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10:45-11:30 A.M. · ROOM 3 Alternatives for Managing Replant Pests and Problematic Weeds

11:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M. • PAVILION + BUILDING D **Dedicated Trade Show Time**

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2:15-3:15 P.M. • ROOM 3 Could Cover Crops or Whole Orchard Recycling Help with Orchard Management?

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3:30-4:30 P.M. • ROOM 1 Incentive Assistance: Help Applying for Grants That Fund On-Farm Practices

3:30-4:30 P.M. • ROOM 2 South Korea and Japan: Almonds Make Life Beautiful

3:30-4:30 P.M. • ROOM 3 Pest Management Considerations in an Ever-Changing Regulatory Environment

4:30-6:00 P.M. • PAVILION • BUILDING D Dedicated Trade Show Time and Social Reception





4:30-6:00 P.M • PAVILION **Research Poster Session**







WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11



SORTING FOR AFLATOXIN: THE NEEDLE IN THE HAYSTACK

8:00-9:00 A.M. ROOM 1

Moderator: Tim Birmingham (ABC) Speakers: Brendan O'Donnell (TOMRA Sorting Solutions), Jared Morse (MPA Solutions)

Environmental conditions can lead to sporadic occurrences of low levels of aflatoxin in almonds. Efforts to remove contaminated product are difficult and complicated by the random distribution within a lot. In this session, technology providers will showcase their equipment to demonstrate how it identifies and removes affected product, saving handlers the hassle of resorting loads.

CHINA: DRIVING LONG-TERM GROWTH

8:00-9:00 A.M. ROOM 2

Moderator: Brian Ezell (The Wonderful Company) Speakers: Connie Cheung (ABC), Vivien Ling (Ruderfinn), Julie Adams (ABC)

China is a fast-moving and evolving market, presenting great opportunity and often unforeseen challenges, such as tariff changes. This session will unpack market dynamics from the perspectives of Chinese consumers, almond competitors, Chinese traders and retailers, as well as unveil how ABC is adjusting its China marketing program to meet those challenges.

NEW AND EXPANDING PLANT DISEASES: HULL ROT AND GANODERMA

8:00-9:00 A.M. ROOM 3

Moderators: Sebastian Saa (ABC), Gabriele Ludwig (ABC) Speakers: Patrick Brown (UC Davis), Mohammad Yaghmour (UC ANR), Barat Bisabri (Shiraz Ranch, LLC), Dave Rizzo (UC Davis), Bob Johnson (UC Davis)

What are your options to manage hull rot? And what's up with this new disease called ganoderma? Attend this session for updates on the latest techniques in hull rot management and to learn more about what we know so far about the new ganoderma strain.

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REAL-TIME ELECTRONIC SENSOR DETECTION OF ALL LIFE STAGES OF THE INDIANMEAL MOTH AND NAVEL ORANGEWORM

9:05-9:25 A.M. ALMOND STAGE, BUILDING D

Speakers: Nick Smilanch, Sue Evans, Sam Reichert, Frank Tudron (Sensor Development)

Electronic real-time insect detection of the Indianmeal moth and navel orangeworm is now available! Come and see how Sensor Development Corporation's (SDC) new electronic sensor device is ushering in a new era in pest management that will be a vital data tool in your stored product protection program. SDC's pioneering device detects all life stages–eggs, larvae and adult moths. A limited number of beta test units will be available for purchase in January 2020. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about the future of pest management.



9:15-10:30 A.M. PAVILION + BUILDING D

> IMPACT SUMMARY: A DECADE OF SAVINGS FOR AGRICULTURE

9:30-9:50 A.M. ALMOND STAGE, BUILDING D Speaker: Chad Cummings (JKB Energy)

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Come learn insights on the value solar has provided to California's ag industry over the previous 10 years and what opportunities lie ahead to mitigate rising energy costs.

REDUCE NOW DAMAGE Semios THROUGH IMPROVED SPRAY TIMING

10:00-10:20 A.M. Almond Stage, Building D

Refreshments

Speaker: Jordan Hazell (Semios) Hullsplit is the most vulnerable stage of almond development for navel orangeworm control. For optimum damage prevention, accurately timing the application of control materials is critical. Many growers and their PCAs are tasked with the challenge of tracking hullsplit progression, navel orangeworm flight development and the logistics of getting spray rigs in the right place at the right time. In this two-season case study, Semios reviews how in-canopy tracking, measurement of navel orangeworm flight development and its relationship to hullsplit timing were used to increase the accuracy of control material applications for reduced NOW damage.

ALMOND FOOD SAFETY: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

10:45-11:30 A.M. ROOM 1

Moderator: Brian Dunning (Shoei Foods) Speaker: Linda Harris (UC Davis)

This session will highlight the history of almond food safety programs, including a discussion on what the future looks like as we settle into the new norm under the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA).

EUROPE: PLAYING A PIVOTAL ROLE IN ALMONDS' FUTURE

10:45-11:30 A.M. ROOM 2

Moderator: Brian Wahlbrink (Sperry Farms) Speakers: Dariela Roffe-Rackind (ABC), Kath Martino (ABC), Emily Fleischmann (ABC), Julie Adams (ABC)

European consumers are demanding more from their food. "Tastes good" and "good for me" are no longer enough. "Good for the planet" is just as important. This session will explore why Europe is pivotal to the growth of the California almond industry and how Europe continues to dominate the share of new product introductions globally.

ALTERNATIVES FOR MANAGING REPLANT PESTS AND PROBLEMATIC WEEDS

10:45–11:30 A.M.

Moderators: Gabriele Ludwig (ABC), Tanya Wood (ABC) Speakers: Greg Brown (USDA-ARS), Chris Simmons (UC Davis), Brad Hanson (UC ANR)

What are your options for weed management if key herbicides are lost to resistance or regulations? How can you control soil pests upon replanting an orchard if soil fumigants are not an option? This session will address research and prospective technologies aimed at addressing changing reliability of pest management tools for weed and soil pest management.

DEDICATED TRADE SHOW TIME

11:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M. **PAVILION + BUILDING D**

LATEST INNOVATIONS FOR ALMOND PROCESSING

11:40 A.M.-12:00 P.M. ALMOND STAGE, BUILDING D

Speaker: Charles Boddy (Borrell USA)

Join us for a presentation summarizing a very brief history of 100 years of almond equipment manufacture, focusing on the groundbreaking range of new, patented equipment being launched for hulling and shelling, blanching, roasting and value added.

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PROVIDING SUPPORT TO GROWERS THROUGH FUMIGATION AND TRIAL **RESEARCH TO HELP IMPROVE** NEMATODE CONTROL

12:10-12:30 P.M. ALMOND STAGE, BUILDING D

Speaker: Kristi Sanchez (TriCal, Inc. and TriCal Diagnostics)

Introducing TCD services (branch of TriCal expanding our services to growers). Overview of key plant parasitic nematodes that cause harm to almonds. Importance of nematode control leading into fumigation as key pretreatment fumigation with Telone and added strip PIC (show data on the value it brings for growers). TriCal field trials we have initiated, examining integrated nematode management program for growers (PIC only contact nematicide and/or Telone + contact nematicide)

LUNCH: PUSHING YOUR PERSONAL LIMITS

0 12:30-2:00 P.M BUILDING C

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Moderator: Daren Williams (ABC) Speaker: John Stenderup

John Stenderup has reached heights few people ever have as one of only seven Americans to have summited Mount Everest, the highest peak in the world, K2 (second highest) and Lhotse (fourth). He's also deeply rooted in California agriculture, growing up on his family's farm, Stenderup Ag Partners, in Arvin, and earning a degree in international agribusiness from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. As a supply chain consultant for C.H. Robinson in Monterey, John helps shippers of produce and perishable foods navigate the global supply chain. As a professional mountaineer, he boasts an impressive climbing résumé focused on alpine climbing, ice climbing and high-altitude mountaineering. After successfully summiting Everest and Lhotse in 2017, John set his sights on K2, the most difficult and dangerous of the three. Also known as the "savage mountain," one person dies on K2 for every four who reach the summit. Come listen to the harrowing story of how his team battled weather and other chilling setbacks to reach their ultimate goal.

STERILE INSECT CONTROL OF NAVEL ORANGEWORM

2:15-3:15 P.M. ROOM 1

Moderator: Josette Lewis (ABC) Speakers: Houston Wilson (UC Riverside), Neil Morrison (Oxitec), Nathan Moses-Gonzales (M3 Consulting Group), Melissa Tesche (Okanagan-Kootenay Sterile Insect Release Program)

In 2019, the Almond Board joined the pistachio industry in making a substantial investment to explore use of sterile insect technology to control navel orangeworm. Come learn about current testing and new approaches to the use of sterile insects for integrated and sustainable pest management.

INDIA: STRONG TODAY. STRONGER TOMORROW

2:15-3:15 P.M. ROOM 2

Moderator: Dinesh Bajaj (Select Harvest USA) Speakers: Sudarshan Mazumdar (ABC), Laurel Muir (SRG), Julie Adams (ABC)

India is a large and rapidly growing market for almonds. Factors like sustained economic growth, a rapidly growing middle class, a strong tradition of almond consumption and growing interest in health and nutrition hold promise for further increases in almond consumption. This session focuses on how marketing is leveraging consumer understanding to drive growth while tackling complex market-access issues.

COULD COVER CROPS OR WHOLE ORCHARD RECYCLING HELP WITH **ORCHARD MANAGEMENT?**

2:15-3:15 P.M. ROOM 3

Moderators: Gabriele Ludwig (ABC), Tanya Wood (ABC)

Speakers: Greg Wegis (Wegis & Young), Amelie Gaudin (UC Davis), Brent Holtz (UC ANR)

Planting cover crops can be tricky within the almond system, and whole orchard recycling is a new concept. If you have wondered if either of these practices might fit into your growing operation, attend this session, which features growers talking about their experiences with these practices, as well as updates from researchers about what changes have been measured.

SNACKS SPONSORED BY **3P PARTNERS** 2:30-3:30 P.M.

PAVILION + BUILDING D

INCENTIVE ASSISTANCE: HELP APPLYING FOR GRANTS THAT FUND ON-FARM PRACTICES

3.30-4.30 P M ROOM 1

Moderator: Jesse Roseman (ABC) Speakers: Shulamit Shroder (UC ANR), Kristen Murphy (CARCD), Toney Tillman (NRCS), Kelli Evans (Evans Farming)

The process to apply for irrigation, air quality and pest management incentive funds can be difficult to navigate. Thankfully, help is available from both the private and public sectors for completing applications. Join this session to learn about services available for growers to apply for incentive funds to increase on-farm efficiency from speakers who work with CDFA, NRCS and San Joaquin Air District programs.

SOUTH KOREA AND JAPAN: ALMONDS MAKE LIFE BEAUTIFUL

3:30-4:30 P.M. ROOM 2

Moderator: Craig Duerr (Campos Brothers) Speakers: Murielle Kim (ABC), Laura Morin (SRG), Geoffrey Bogart (ABC)

South Korea and Japan have a strong, positive influence on neighboring Asian countries and the world. This session will explore how Korean beauty trends and Japanese products are influencing Asia and beyond, how new product introductions move from one country to the other and how these factors impact ABC's marketing programs. The session will also include an update on marketaccess challenges.

PEST MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS IN AN EVER-CHANGING REGULATORY **ENVIRONMENT**

3:30-4:30 P.M. ROOM 3

Moderator: Gabriele Ludwig (ABC) Speakers: Val Dolcini (Director, CDPR), Amy Wolfe (AgSafe), Gabriele Ludwig (ABC)

Come hear the latest in the everchanging pesticide regulatory environment with updates on state and federal regulations, worker protection standards and how international pesticide regulations are affecting your pest management choices.

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DEDICATED TRADE SHOW TIME AND SOCIAL RECEPTION

0 4:30-6:00 P.M. **PAVILION + BUILDING D**

CASP 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 4:30-6:00 P.M.

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RESEARCH POSTER SESSION

4:30-6:00 P.M. **PAVILION + BUILDING D**







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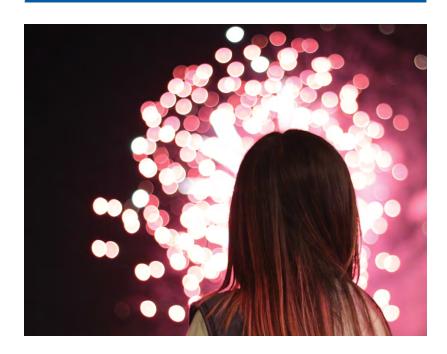
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THURSDAY

DAY THREE | DECEMBER 12 CONFERENCE AGENDA

HOURS: Registration: 7:00–11:30 A.M.

Exhibit Hall: 7:30-11:30 A.M.

I. Session: 8:30 A.M.–12:15 P.M.

Hotel Shuttle: Shuttle runs every 15 minutes between 6:45 A.M.-1:30 P.M.

7:30-8:30 A.M. • PAVILION + BUILDING D

8:30-9:30 A.M. • BUILDING C Startup Spotlight

9:45-10:30 A.M. • ROOM 1 Latest and Greatest Commercial Uses of Woody Almond Biomass

9:45–10:30 A.M. • ROOM 2 North America: Beyond the Selfie: How Social Media Grows California Almond Sales

9:45-10:30 A.M. • ROOM 3 SGMA and Recharge: How to Make Lemonade Out of Groundwater Regulation

10:30-11:15 A.M. • PAVILION + BUILDING D Dedicated Trade Show Time

10:40-11:00 A.M. • ALMOND STAGE, BUILDING D Almond Brown Ale Beer, On the Fritz

D Almond Leadership

11:30 A.M.-12:15 P.M. • ROOM 1 More Almond Hulls for California Dairy Cows?

11:30 A.M.-12:15 P.M. • ROOM 2 Advocacy Update: Sacramento and D.C.

11:30 A.M.-12:15 P.M. • ROOM 3

Research Update: How Much and When to Irrigate





THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12



CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

7:30-8:30 A.M. PAVILION + BUILDING D

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STARTUP SPOTLIGHT

8:30-9:30 A.M. BUILDING C

Moderator: Jennifer Barney (3rd & Broadway) Speakers: Madeline Haydon (nutpods), Ashley Thompson (MUSH Foods), Val Griffith (Skinny Dipped Almonds), Jenny Eu (Three Trees)

At this General Session, you'll hear why young, innovative companies choose almonds as a key ingredient in their products. Moderator Jennifer Barney founded Barney Butter Almond Butter, named by Inc. Magazine as one of the fastest growing small businesses in the U.S. in 2015. After selling the company, she started 3rd & Broadway, her food product innovation consulting company. Madeline Haydon launched nutpods, a nondairy coffee creamer made with almond and coconut cream, in 2015 and quickly outpaced traditional brands to become the #1 best-selling alternative creamer on Amazon and the category leader in velocity. Working in her home kitchen, Val Griffith and her daughter, Breezy, spent a year perfecting their recipe for a "whole, better-for-you, outrageously delicious snack." Skinny Dipped Almonds launched in 2014 and is now available in more than 10,000 stores nationwide. Ashley Thompson cofounded MUSH overnight oats in 2015 and recently expanded distribution to 3,500 retail locations across the U.S., including Whole Foods Markets. MUSH overnight oats are cold-soaked in almond or coconut milk and never heated. Jenny Eu's passion for delicious and nourishing plant-based foods led her to start Three , Trees in 2013. Her food philosophy drives the company to create organic almond milks that showcase the natural goodness of the almonds that go into every bottle.

LATEST AND GREATEST COMMERCIAL USES OF WOODY ALMOND BIOMASS

9:45-10:30 A.M. ROOM 1

Moderators: Caleb Gervase (Van Duyn Farms), Karen Lapsley (ABC) Speakers: Eric McAfee (Aemetis), Mike Woelk (Corigin)

This session provides a unique opportunity to learn more about the science and business plans for two advanced technology companies investing in the Central Valley.



Aemetis is building a cellulosic biorefinery in Riverbank, taking advantage of the low carbon fuel standard in California and the ready supply of woody biomass from almonds and walnuts.

NORTH AMERICA: BEYOND THE SELFIE: HOW SOCIAL MEDIA GROWS CALIFORNIA ALMOND SALES

9:45-10:30 A.M. ROOM 2

Moderator: Michael Burdeny (Blue Diamond Growers) Speakers: Jenn Freeman (ABC), Becky Jeffers (ABC), Mickey Citarella (SRG)

Social media is more than selfies, memes and tweets: it's the fastest growing advertising platform worldwide. Learn about trends and platforms and how ABC is leveraging both to drive almond consumption in the U.S. and Mexico.

SGMA AND RECHARGE: HOW TO MAKE LEMONADE OUT OF GROUNDWATER REGULATION

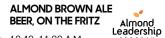
9:45–10:30 A.M. ROOM 3

Moderator: Jesse Roseman (ABC) Speakers: Joe Choperena (Sustainable Conservation), Matt Efrid (Efrid Ag Enterprises, Inc. and Double E Farms), Kamyar Guivetchi (DWR), Tony Savant (Savant Holsteins), Don Cameron (Terranova Ranch)

The first Groundwater Sustainability Plans have been released, and growers are learning more about how Sustainable Ground Water Management Act (SGMA) may affect water supplies in their area. While full implementation will take years, there are opportunities to limit negative impacts through basin recharge, water markets and new surface-water supplies. Hear tips from groundwater recharge practitioners on how to prepare for a future with both groundwater sustainability and continued production.

DEDICATED TRADE SHOW TIME

10:30-11:15 A.M. PAVILION + BUILDING D



10:40-11:00 A.M. ALMOND STAGE, BUILDING D Speakers: Dominque Camou

(Famoso Nut Company), Lucas Schmidt (Grow West)

Join us for the award-winning Almond Leadership Special Project Presentation,





selected by the peers and mentors of the program. Hear from two participants who collaborated with Temblor Brewing Company to develop an almond beer.

MORE ALMOND HULLS FOR CALIFORNIA DAIRY COWS?

11:30 A.M.-12:15 P.M. ROOM 1

Moderator: Karen Lapsley (ABC) Speakers: Jed Asmus (January Innovations, Inc.), Ed DePeters (UC Davis)

Almond hulls are a popular feedstuff in rations for California dairy cows, but the amounts used for forage or concentrate vary greatly. Learn about the latest results from a Holstein lactation study at UC Davis that monitored all aspects of production performance of individual cows fed varying rates of almond hulls. The potential impact of these results and other collaborative industry practices will clearly demonstrate how both the dairy and almond industries can be more sustainable working together.

ADVOCACY UPDATE: SACRAMENTO AND D.C.

11:30 A.M.-12:15 P.M. ROOM 2

Moderator: Elaine Trevino (Almond Alliance of California)

Speakers: Dennis Albiani (California Advocates), California State Legislator (TBD), Congressional Perspective (TBD)

Much has changed in the regulatory and legislative worlds over the past year regarding the political landscape, trade, pesticides/fumigants, water, logistics, food safety, packaging and bees just to name a few. During this session, the panel will discuss those shifts and how the California almond industry's voice is being heard in Sacramento and D.C. Come learn how these changes impact your business and the overall industry.

RESEARCH UPDATE: HOW MUCH AND WHEN TO IRRIGATE

11:30 A.M.-12:15 P.M. ROOM 3

Moderator: Sebastian Saa (ABC) Speakers: Tom Devol (ABC), Andrew McElrone (UC Davis), Tom Buckley (UC Davis), Brian Bailey (UC Davis), Ken Shackel (UC Davis)

What is flowing out of ABC's water research pipeline that can improve water-use efficiency? This session will share the latest results in thermal imaging, surface renewal, modeling tree water demand and the in-field evaluation of several tree water sensors.



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WATER BOTTLES

To celebrate the 10-year anniversary of the California Almond Sustainability Program (CASP), each attendee will receive a CASP-branded sustainable water bottle in their tote bag. Be sure to scan the code on the bottom of your water bottle to give clean water to underprivileged communities, track environmental impact and stay hydrated. Fill it. Scan it. Give it. Each cup you fill and scan helps fund water-based projects around the world. Celebrate CASP's 10-year anniversary by filling it forward!

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The 2019 Almond Leadership Program participants have already raised more than \$40,000 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 by bidding on unique items at the silent auction.



TO DATE

The Almond Board of California and Almond Leadership Program have raised nearly **\$150,000** to support FFA students through scholarships and proficiency awards.

STOP BY AND PLACE YOUR BID

The silent auction will be open from 8:30 A.M.–5:30 P.M. Building D, Tuesday, December 10 and Wednesday, December 11

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Special thanks to the 2019 Emerald Sponsor, JKB ENERGY, for supporting the silent auction.

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Each year, multiple California FFA chapters from across the Central Valley volunteer at The Almond Conference to provide a variety of services, including welcoming attendees and scanning attendees' badges as they enter sessions and meals. The students' experience at TAC gives them an opportunity to meet a wide array of individuals who are passionate about almonds, and they learn about the latest industry research and information.

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Note: Winners need not be present to win.



FFA Almond Photography Contest

For the first time, the Almond Board hosted an FFA Almond Photography Contest. Members of the California FFA organization were encouraged to submit their finest almond photography this fall! The entries were submitted and judged, and are currently on display. **Stop by Building D to check out the entries and winners!**

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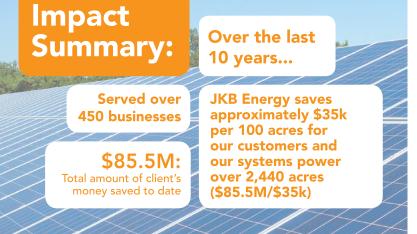
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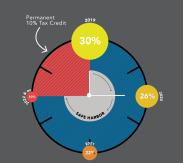




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the California almond industry. Participants of the 2019 program will be staffing the ABC Lounge in Building D, as well as representing their **special project posters during designated poster session times**!

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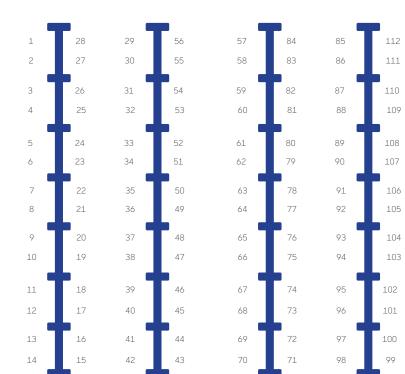
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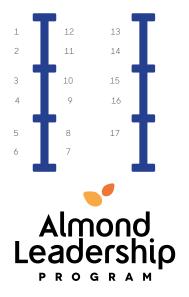
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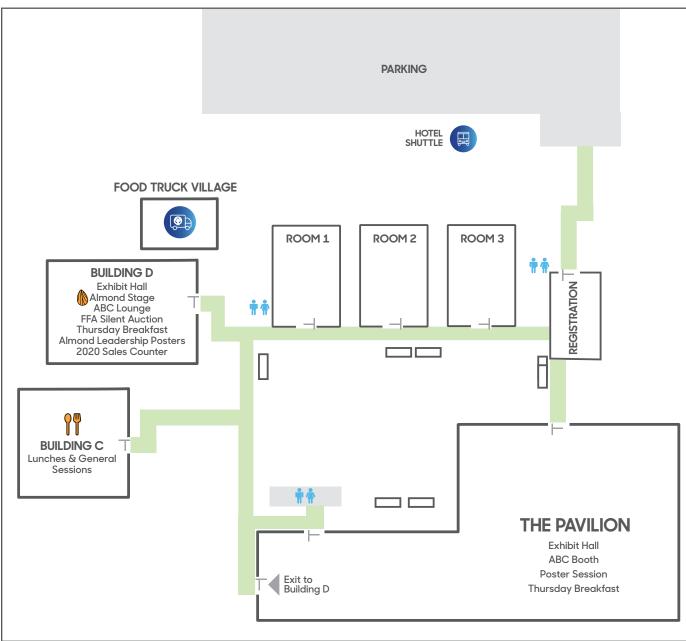
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