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THE ALMOND CONFERENCE 2025 -



DECEMBER 10–12

at the SAFE Credit Union Convention Center



NEW days for 2025 are Wednesday-Friday



Dear Almond Community Members,

The Almond Board of California's Board of Directors and ABC team continue to work hard with a deep commitment to serve the industry. This past crop year, we shipped more than 200 million pounds in 11 straight months—something never done before. Despite the many challenges, we are experiencing strong shipments and the horizon looks encouraging. At The Almond Conference 2024, we will share our vision for how we—when Rooted Together—accelerate this progress by creating the conditions for almonds to thrive.

You'll find a range of sessions we hope will be interesting and useful. Throughout the three days, you'll hear about ambitious new ABC initiatives focused on building global demand and adapting to changing marketplaces, as well as exciting new innovation work with food companies, chefs and nutritionists to ensure almonds are the ingredient of choice.

Be sure to join me and our Board of Directors Chair, Alexi Rodriguez, for the State of the Industry presentation that will cover a range of topics, including hearing from experts about the direction we're heading and key factors impacting our industry. Additional breakout sessions will include topics such as how ABC is working to ease trade barriers, the latest nutrition research and other efforts to help tell compelling almond stories, all with a shared goal of building demand around the world. You'll also find several sessions that will offer options and insights to support your farming operation.

You will hear how we are working together—ABC, industry members, affiliated companies (many of whom are on the trade show floor) and others—to future proof our industry.

There are some shifts to this year's agenda based on your needs and business priorities, including the addition of a second reception on Wednesday afternoon. As you explore the conference, please stop by the ABC booth to pick up the Research Update and other grower and handler resources. New this year, the ABC booth will feature examples of the 14 forms of almonds used around the world. In addition to the sessions, we also want you to experience our industry's Rooted Together spirit throughout the conference. Be sure to visit the Heritage Exhibit on the trade show floor celebrating our industry's 170 years of robust history and progress, which each of you are a part of. The journey of California almonds is your story. Please come and enjoy a small slice of it.

California's almond industry was born from the spirit and resilience of the 1850s pioneers. Through 170 years, our industry has grown into a global powerhouse, California's largest agricultural export and a cornerstone of the state's agricultural identity. We have so much to be proud of. Our industry embodies the very legacy of California itself— a vibrant community powered by ingenuity and determination. That is the enduring, uniquely Californian spirit that you continue today.

This growth has come with complex challenges, many of which we continue to experience today. From unfavorable economic conditions to rising costs and changing consumer behaviors, we persevere, like the generations before us.

Finally, I want to thank our metal sponsors this year: AMVT LLC, Borrell USA Corp, TOMRA Food, Qcify, Inc., Bayer Crop Science, TriCal Group, Satake, Optimum Sorting, BASF Corp and BeeHero. These companies and our many exhibitors have remained ever supportive of The Almond Conference and our industry. I am very grateful to all of them for their tremendous contributions.

Wishing you a helpful and enjoyable Almond Conference 2024.

With gratitude,

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Clarice Turner, President and CEO







ALMOND HERITAGE EXHIBIT

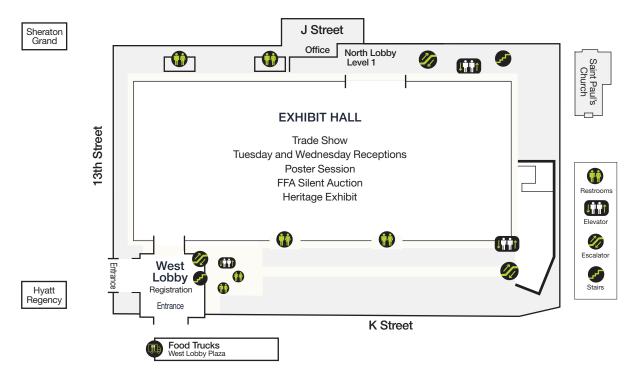
California's almond industry began with the spirit and grit of 1850s Western pioneers, and through its 170 years, it's grown into a global powerhouse, California's largest agricultural export and a cornerstone of the state's agriculture community.

There is so much to be proud of, so the Almond Board of California has created an exhibit for The Almond Conference 2024 celebrating the enduring spirit, resilience, ingenuity and toughness that industry members have displayed for those 170 years, and that you continue today.

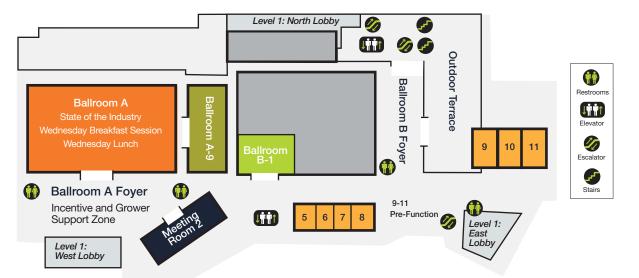
Be sure to visit the exhibit on the trade show floor to relive some of the robust, irrepressible history of your industry and the progress and heritage that you are part of. There will be everything from historic photos and ads, mementos of the past and antique equipment, drawings, a short film and more. The journey of California almonds is your story. Come enjoy a small slice of it.

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ATTENDANCE TABLE – LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE SESSION ROOM

- 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 or two ABC 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.
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TIME/LOCATION	SESSION	DPR CREDIT/UNIT	CCA CREDIT/UNIT	CDFA-IRRIGATION AND NITROGEN MANAGEMENT (INMP) CREDIT/UNIT
TUESDAY DEC	EMBER 10			
10:30–11:45 a.m. Ballroom A-9	What to Do with Unplanted Land?		1 Hour Soil & Water Management	
12:30–1:45 p.m. Ballroom A-9	Economics of Almond Production		1 Hour Professional Development	
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2:45–4:00 p.m. Ballroom A-9	When to Irrigate: Considering Soil and Tree Growth		1 Hour Soil & Water Management	1 Hour
2:45–4:00 p.m. Ballroom B-1	Managing Insects in Harvested Nuts	1 Hour Other	0.5 Hour Integrated Pest Management 0.5 Hour Crop Management	
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9:00–10:30 a.m. Ballroom A-9	New Pests and the Prevention Against Future Invasions	1.5 Hours Other	1.5 Hours Integrated Pest Management	
9:00–10:30 a.m. Ballroom B-1	Telling the Almond Sustainability Story		1.5 Hours Professional Development	
11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Ballroom A-9	Design, Analyze and Refine Your Pest Management Plan	1.5 Hours Other	1.5 Hours Integrated Pest Management	



TUESDAY CONFERENCE AGENDA

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EXHIBIT HALL: 1:00-6:00 P.M. SESSIONS: 10:30 A.M.-3:30 P.M. FOOD TRUCK VILLAGE: 11:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. REGISTRATION: 8:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.

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6:00 P.M.					

TUESDAY SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Pollinator Habitat: What You Need to Know About **Endangered Species** 10:30-11:45 a.m.

Meeting Room 2

Moderator: Josette Lewis (ABC) Speakers: Kelly Bills (Pollinator Partnership), Erin Arnsteen (Monarch Joint Venture), Stetcyn Maldonado (Project Apis m.)

Action is coming from state and federal regulators that will change endangered species rules. Learn how growers who have added pollinator habitat can get legal protection for their farming operations and what resources are available to assist you.

What to Do with Unplanted Land?

10:30-11:45 a.m. Ballroom A-9

Moderator: Michael Roots (ABC) Speakers: Mike Wade (California Farm Water Coalition), Mike Tietze (East Turlock GSA), Anja Raudabaugh (Western United Dairies), Joe Choperena (Sustainable Conservation), Bret Sill (Almond Grower)

As SGMA continues to be implemented across the state, our growers and industry need to make difficult, long-term decisions for their operations. This will give you a brief overview of SGMA as well as provide thoughts and options to consider for both the short and longer term. from funded programs to practices that can be implemented on unplanted or fallow lands.

North Africa: New Market Opportunities

10:30-11:45 a.m. Ballroom B-1

Moderator: Julie Adams (ABC) Speakers: Brad Rose (Rose Research), Shipper (TBA)

ABC invested in a market assessment study last year to help chart future growth opportunities for California almonds. Morocco was identified as a prioritylast year, it was the 10th top export destination for California almonds. Come hear the initial findings of a North Africa market assessment and learn about the challenges and opportunities in these exciting new markets.

Food Truck Village

🕛 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. West Lobby Plaza

Nutrition Research 12:30-1:45 p.m. Meeting Room 2

Moderator: Kurt Waananen (Blue Diamond Growers) Speakers: Elena Hemler (ABC), Dariela Roffe-Rackind (ABC), Phil Gowland (Whitworths) Kristin Rubin (KIND - virtual)

Learn how nutrition research transformed almonds into a top food for health, and where we are headed next. Hear about a new paper by global health leaders on almond cardiometabolic benefits and get perspectives from a food brand. You'll leave with practical guidance on how our industry can use nutrition research to grow demand, stimulate innovation and improve public health

12:30–1:45 p.m. Ballroom A-9

Moderator: Sebastian Saa (ABC) Speakers: Sullivan Grosz (Pearson Realty), Brittney Goodrich (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign), Mel Machado (Blue Diamond Growers), Wes Asai (Pomology Consultant and Almond Grower)

Whether you're looking to fine-tune your operation or gain a better understanding of the economics behind almond production, this session will give you valuable tools and insights to help you succeed. Panelists will detail optimized production practices to reduce costs and boost productivity that have been developed from years of research, exploring key operational costs, break-even points, customizable tools for your operation and more. You'll also get key insights into land trends from a real estate perspective.

New Administration. **New Trade Agenda?**

12:30-1:45 p.m.

Ballroom B-1 Moderator: Keith Schneller (ABC) Speaker: Sharon Bomer-Lauritsen (Former USTR)

Although last year's crop was smaller, our almond exports were the second largest on record. Almonds are the #1 or #2 U.S. agricultural export to a number of key markets-but we are competing with other countries for trade advantages and simple market share. With a change in the administration, could there be new challenges or new initiatives to help further expand exports?



Driving Global Demand Through

Economics of Almond Production

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: Alexi Rodriguez (ABC), Clarice Turner (ABC)

Almond Board of California Chair Alexi Rodriguez, CEO Clarice Turner and industry experts will present a full picture of current global, commercial and industry economics and trends as well as a range of ambitious new Almond Board initiatives. Clarice is finishing her first year as CEO, and she and Alexi will detail how the learnings from this year and from their recent listening tour with growers are being used to help you weather continuing challenges, complex economic forces and changing consumer behavior. You will hear about the growing momentum that is driving global demand, and about programs making more new strides in marketing, innovation and research that will drive even more demand in the future. You'll also hear why economists and experts see better times coming. Plus, the almond industry is celebrating 170 years of the resilience, ingenuity and grit that made California almonds a global powerhouse-ABC is honoring that enduring spirit that you continue today.

Dedicated Trade Show Time and Opening Reception 3:30-6:00 p.m. **Exhibit Hall**

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Grower Breakfast: Game Changers in Global Marketing

8:00-9:30 a.m. Ballroom A

Moderator: Clarice Turner (ABC) Speakers: Mickey Citarella (SRG), Emily Fleischmann (ABC), Other ABC Staff (TBA)

The world is evolving at a lightning pace and staying informed about the latest trends is crucial for success. Come learn how the Almond Board is developing new, game-changing strategies to meet the evolving needs of consumers worldwide. From inspiring innovation with food manufacturers, to tapping into passions like ICC Cricket World Cup in India, to reaching new consumers through Own Your Prime with Deion Sanders, the global marketing team is pushing the boundaries to ensure California almonds remain a popular and essential food around the globe.

* Anyone may attend this session. However, if you want to purchase breakfast as an add-on. visit an Onsite Registration kiosk to see if tickets are still available.

Dedicated Trade Show Time 9:30-10:30 a.m. **Exhibit Hall**

Coffee Break 9:30-10:00 a.m. **Exhibit Hall** Sponsored by Satake

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Beverage

Researcher Meet & Greet 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Poster Session in Exhibit Hall

Dealing with Rejections and Goods Returned

10:30-11:30 a.m. Meeting Room 2 Moderator: Tim Birmingham (ABC) Speakers: Abhi Kulkarni (ABC), Tim Birmingham (ABC)

This session will give you information to help deal with lot rejections in the EU and Japan, including reprocessing options. You will also get practical guidance on the Goods Returned Process, with tips and strategies to help you navigate the process of bringing product back to the U.S. and clearing FDA requirements

Predicting an Orchard's Yield Early in the Season 10:30-11:30 a.m. Ballroom A-9

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Getting early season estimates of yield for an individual farm may be the holy grail for precision management. UC experts will share breakthroughs in this area, followed by Terra Nova's approach to evaluating multiple orchards. Plus, learn how yield predictions can optimize orchard and industry operations, and get practical insights for improving overall efficiency.

Navigating the Political Landscape: Advocating for the **Future of American Almonds** 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Ballroom B-1 Moderator: Blake Vann (Vann Family Orchards and Almond Alliance Chair)

Speakers: Anna Caballero (Senator), Juan Alanis (Assemblymember), Heath Flora (Assemblymember), Jasmeet Kaur Bains (Assemblymember)

Join the Almond Alliance for a deep dive into the legislative and political landscape impacting the almond industry. Gain valuable insights into key policies and upcoming changes, and learn how the industry and its advocates are preparing to navigate the current challenges and evolving dynamics within the almond community.

Food Truck Village ^{]]} 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. West Lobby Plaza

Moderator: Sebastian Saa (ABC) Speakers: Jerry Magdaleno (Terra Nova Trading, Inc.), Patrick Brown (UC Davis), Yufang Jin (UC Davis), Brian Ezell (Setton

Lunch Session: Unlocking the Future of Almond Food Innovation

Sponsored by Yosemite Farm Credit 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Ballroom A



Moderator: Steven Goldstein (Foodthingue)

Speakers: Katlin Smith (Simple Mills), Robin DeLauter (Mars Snacking), Roland Laux (Re-nut), Jeff Anderson (AllMade Materials)

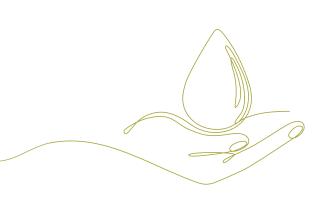
Independent research predicts the almond ingredient market will more than double in just nine years, reaching \$23 billion in 2032, \$13 billion more than in 2023. As the need for healthy and eco-friendly food and ingredients continues to increase, the role of innovation is more important than ever This session will explore the limitless potential of almonds that could drive extraordinary industry growth-from innovative snacks to trending menu items to sustainable materials and more. Hear from leading experts in food manufacturing, foodservice and nonfood sectors and discover what these opportunities could mean for California almonds and your operations.

* The 2024 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 1:00-2:30 p.m. Exhibit Hall

Researcher Meet & Greet 1:00-2:30 p.m. Poster Session in Exhibit Hall

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WEDNESDAY SESSION DESCRIPTIONS



Elevating Value Through Innovative and Trending Uses of Almonds

2:45-4:00 p.m.

Meeting Room 2

Moderator: Josette Lewis (ABC) Speakers: Harbinder Maan (ABC), Cynthia Machado (Blue Diamond Growers), Christie Myers (Cache Creek Foods), Greg Nielsen (Octonuts)

Promoting the use of almond ingredients in innovative food products can make almonds an essential part of daily diets and elevate almond value. This session will showcase potential uses and creative forms of almonds for developing new food products, and you'll hear from stakeholders who are creating and marketing new almond forms.

When to Irrigate: Considering Soil and Tree Growth

2:45–4:00 p.m. Ballroom A-9

Moderator: Sebastian Saa (ABC)

Speakers: Astrid Volder (UC Davis), Curt Pierce (UC ANR), Mae Culumber (UC ANR)

Three University of California research experts will give you insights on improving soil structure for better water efficiency, methods to determine optimal irrigation timing and the ways water uptake is affected by drip versus microirrigation and by rootstock choices. Learn key strategies to enhance your irrigation practices and boost water use efficiency.

Managing Insects in Harvested Nuts 2:45–4:00 p.m. Bollynom P. 1

Ballroom B-1 Moderator: Gabriele Ludwig (ABC)

Speakers: Abhi Kulkarni (ABC), Eric Myers (ADM), Zhongli Pan (UC Davis), Spencer Walse (USDA ARS)

Managing pests continues after harvest in stockpiles, in the facility and when you're prepping for shipment—and is critical to maintaining nut quality. Learn about ways to minimize pests inside facilities from experiences with food processing facilities, hear research on new methods to monitor for insect pests in stockpiles and bins, and remind yourself of considerations to ensure your fumigations are effective. The session will include an update on any learnings to date on post-harvest management of the new pest, *Carpophilus truncatus* beetle.

Dedicated Trade Show Time and Wednesday Reception 4:00–6:00 p.m. Exhibit Hall *No-host bar





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12:30 P.M.	and Graduation	Management Plan		
1:00 P.M.				





THURSDAY SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Adding Value: Almond Hulls for New Food Uses 9:00–10:30 a.m. Meeting Room 2

Moderator: Guangwei Huang (ABC)

Speakers: Guangwei Huang (ABC), Daniel Kurzrock (Upcycled Foods), Dave Thiel (Cortez Growers), Corbin Sturdivan (Wilkey Industries), Sean Chandler (Chandler Automation)

Almond hulls, which make up 50% of the almond fruit, share similarities with fruits like apricots, peaches and plums, but their potential use in a variety of food products has not been tapped. Rich antioxidants and dietary fiber make hulls a unique, versatile and health-boosting ingredient. The session will explore the ways almond hulls can be transformed into valuable food ingredients.

New Pests and the Prevention Against Future Invasions

9:00–10:30 a.m. Ballroom A-9

Moderator: Lauren Fann (ABC)

Speakers: Florent Trouillas (UC Davis), Houston Wilson (UC Riverside), Joshua Kress (California Department of Food & Agriculture)

With several new invasive pests recently detected in California almonds, it's important to stay informed about the latest updates on *Carpophilus truncatus* and red leaf blotch (*Polystigma amygdalinum*). Additionally, we'll cover strategies to reduce the risk of new pests being introduced to the industry. Speakers will discuss current knowledge about each pest and any work that has been done so far, providing management strategies where possible. A key focus will be on preventing the spread of invasive species and understanding the regulations in place to reduce the risk of new pests.

Speaker: ALP Winning Class Member Join us for the award-winning Almond Leadership Program's Special Project presentation. The winning presentation was selected by Almond Leadership Program participants and mentors. Visit Almond Board Booth #1018 to see which presentation won.

Telling the Almond Sustainability Story 9:00–10:30 a.m.

Ballroom B-1

Exhibit Hall

Moderator: Danielle Veenstra (ABC) Speakers: Michael Briano (Harris Woolf), Ashley Boren (Sustainable Conservation), Josette Lewis (ABC)

The world is increasingly curious about how food is grown, but do you feel wellequipped to answer when it comes to almonds? Whether it's questions from neighbors or conversations with buyers, we'll share tools for those discussions and learnings from industry members working in this space. We'll also introduce a new initiative underway to shift the way people think about almonds and water.

Dedicated Trade Show Time 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Food Truck Village 10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. West Lobby Plaza

Almond Leadership Program Presentation and Graduation

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Meeting Room 2

Design, Analyze and Refine Your Pest Management Plan 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Ballroom A-9

Moderator: Lauren Fann (ABC) Speakers: Justin Nay (Integral Ag.), Cameron Boomgaarden (Vann Family Orchards), Joe Coelho (American Pistachio Growers), Grower (TBA)

Developing a pest management strategy and maintaining communication with your Pest Control Advisor (PCA) or grower throughout the season is crucial for effectively managing your orchards when pests are identified. Reviewing historical information about an orchard and its needs is key to achieving the best crop load by season's end. While low prices can make decisions tough, certain practices cannot be skipped, as the long-term impact could be devastating. Learn what questions growers should ask their PCA to positively impact their pest management plans and discover what information PCAs should ask their growers to ensure a clear understanding of why certain management practices are necessary





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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.

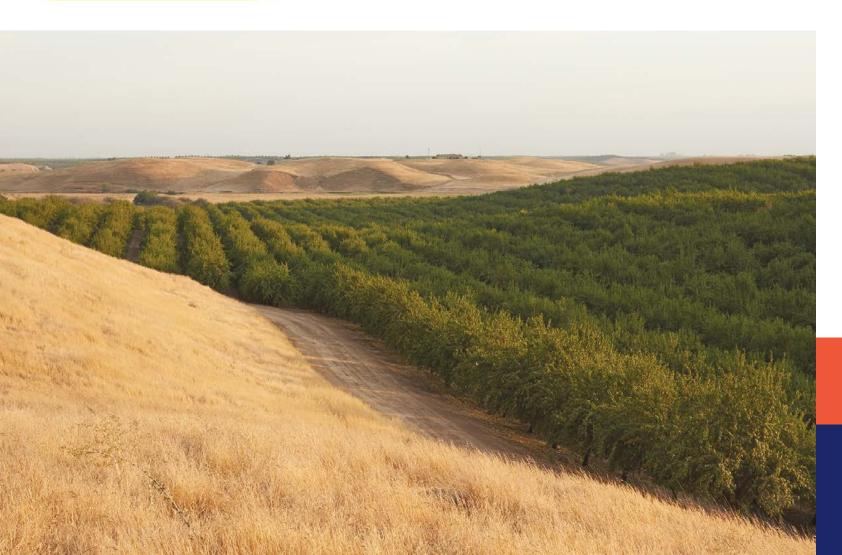
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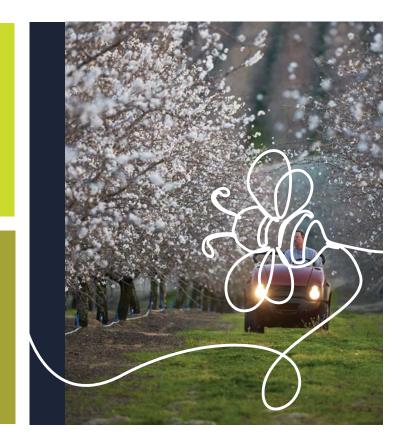
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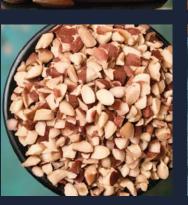
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Grower incentives, through federal, state and local programs, provide funding for adoption of many practices of interest to almond growers. Several agencies and organizations will be on hand with the latest information on funding opportunities to assist growers on their operations.

Examples of available funding include:

- More efficient irrigation, distribution uniformity testing and nutrient management systems
- Groundwater recharge
- Cleaner on-farm equipment
- Low-dust harvesters
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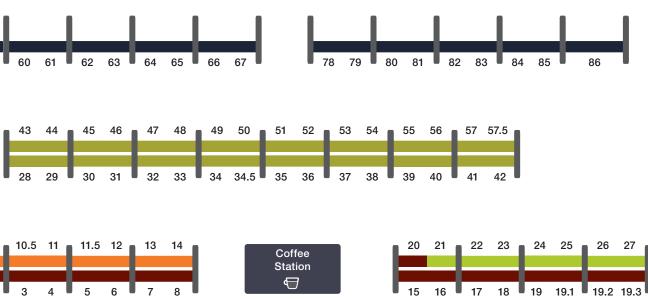
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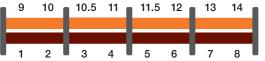
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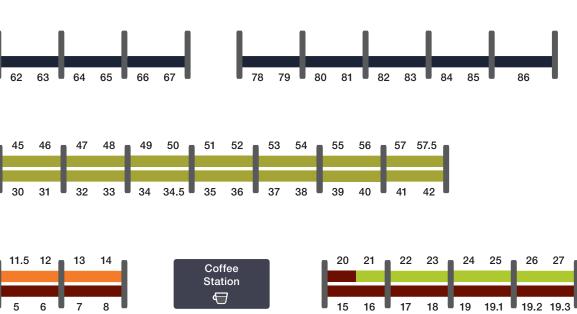
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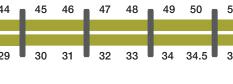
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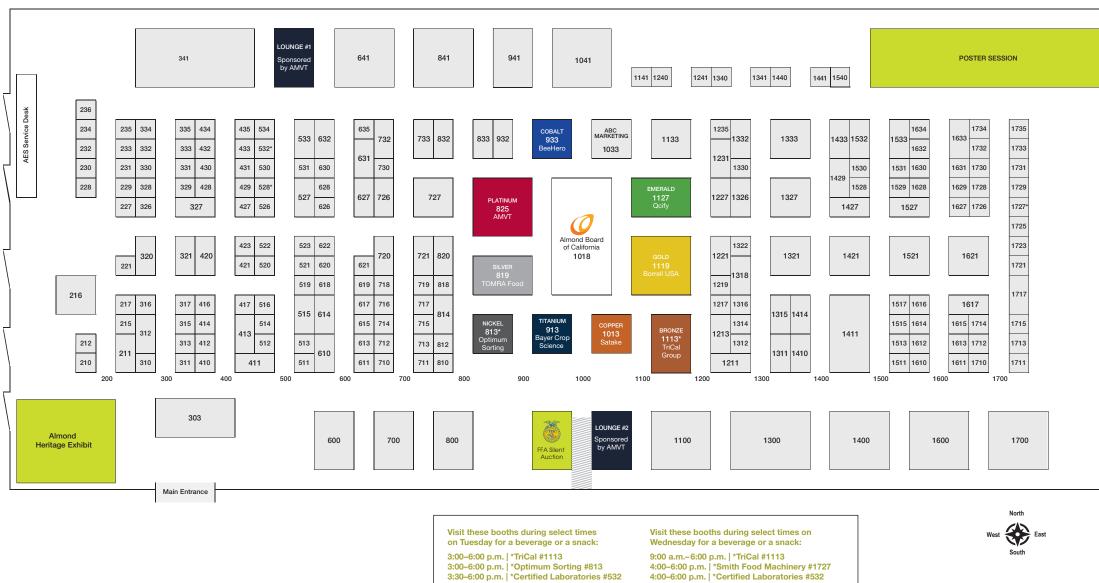
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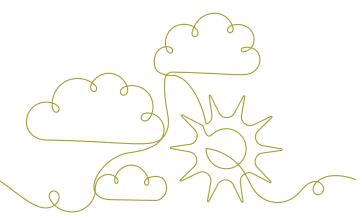




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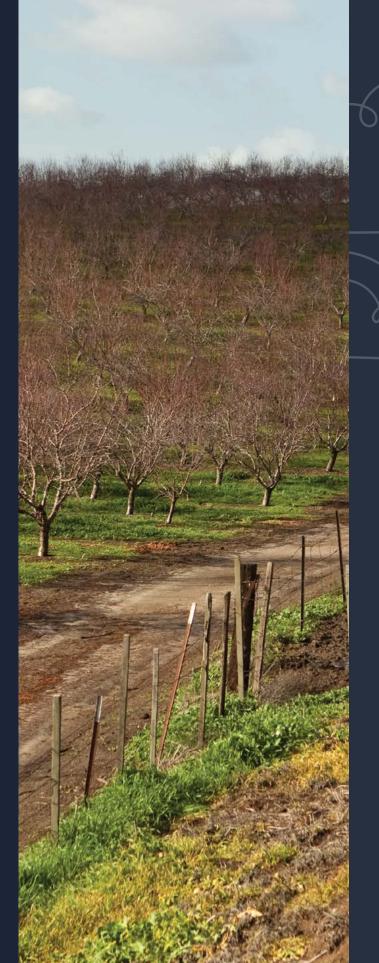


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