



**Texas Agricultural
Lifetime Leadership Program**

Class XVIII

Session 6 - California

September 10 – September 15, 2023

“Employment, Emigration, Environment”



Sacramento, CA – Lodging for Sunday
Holiday Inn Sacramento Downtown
300 J Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Sunday – September 10, 2023

10:55 am Arrive at Sacramento Airport
Free Evening

Monday – September 11, 2023
SACRAMENTO

Presiders	Addie Stone & Zane Thornton
Attire	Business
Transportation	Charter Bus
Breakfast	On your own in hotel

7:30 am Check out of hotel and load all luggage onto bus

8:00 am Depart by bus for California Department of Food and Agriculture

CDFA Conference Room 133

8:15 am *Please sign in with security upon arrival*

8:30 am **Challenges and Opportunities facing California Agriculture**
Undersecretary Christine Birdsong

9:15 am Q&A

10:00 am **TBA**

10:30 am Depart for California Farm Bureau Offices

Presiders	Jayci Bishop & Jon Cluck
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11:00 am **Jim Houston**, Administrator – California Farm Bureau Federation

11:15 am **Agriculture Policy Briefing and discussion of the agricultural impact on the State of California** **Assemblymember Esmerelda Soria**,
Chair of the Agriculture Committee

Speaker Panel & Lunch with California Farm Bureau Federation

12:00 pm **Lunch - Sutter Cafe sponsored by: California Farm Bureau Federation**

12:30 pm **Mike Montna**, President/CEO - California Tomato Growers Association

1:00 pm **Bryan Little**, Chief Operating Officer - Farm Employee Labor Services

1:30 pm **Amrith Gunasekara** – California Bountiful Executive Director

2:00 pm **Chris Reardon, Director of Governmental Affairs**
California Farm Bureau Governmental Affairs

2:30 pm **Q&A**

3:00 pm Depart for Nuss Farms

Presiders Reina Lewis & Jaclyn Parrish

4:00 pm **Nuss Farms Operations & Overview**
Tim Nuss, VP of Operations at Nuss Farms

5:30 pm Depart for hotel
Holiday Inn Express - Lodi
1341 E. Kettleman Lane
Lodi, CA 95240 | (209) 210-0150

6:00 pm **Arrive at hotel & Dinner on your own**

Tuesday – September 12, 2023

Presiders Tyler Randolph & Kodie Sageser
Attire Business
Transportation Charter Bus
Breakfast On your own in hotel

7:00 am Check out of hotel and load all luggage onto bus

7:30 am Depart for Lodi Farms

8:00 am **Lodi Farming Overview & Tour Jeff Colombini**
President & CALP 28

10:00 am Depart by bus for Pearl Crop

Presiders: Thomas McNutt & Tillery Sims

10:30 am Pearl Crop **Ulash Turkhan, President & CALP 42**

1:00 pm Depart for Mapes Ranch
10555 Maze BLVD | Modesto | CA 95358

Lunch on Bus

Presiders: Courtney Schmidt & Lance Barnett

1:30 pm Mapes Ranch
Overview & Tour **Bill Lyons, Owner & CALP 12**

Presiders: Jessup Yeaman & Mark Limon

3:30 pm Depart for reception

4:00pm **Reception hosted & sponsored by: Bill Lyons, Mapes Ranch & CALP 12**

6:30pm Depart for Hotel
Double Tree by Hilton Modesto
1150 Ninth St. | Modesto CA 95354

Wednesday – September 13, 2023

Presiders	Rhett Rabenaldt & Jennifer Bremer
Attire	Business
Transportation	Charter Bus
Breakfast	Provided at morning meeting

- 7:00 am Check out of hotel and load all luggage onto bus
- 7:20 am Meet at elevator for The Almond Board of California (in hotel)
- 7:30 am Elevators open to gain access to The Almond Board of California offices
- 7:30 am **Breakfast Sponsored by: *The Almond Board of California***
Almond Board of California: Responsibilities, Issues facing the industry & Almond production in California
Richard Waycott, President & CEO
Clarice Turner, incoming President & CEO
Julie Adams, Vice President, Global Technical & Regulatory Affairs
Elana Hemler (via webinar), Associate Director, Nutrition Research
Tim Birmingham, Director, Quality Assurance & Industry Services
Emily Fleischmann, Vice President, Global Market Development
Jenny Nicolau, Senior Manager, Industry Relations & Communications
Danielle Veenstra, Sr. Manager, Global Stewardship
Sebastian Saa, Associate Director, Agricultural Research
- 9:15 am Depart for Hilmar Cheese

Presiders:	Mauricio Garcia & Daniel Alders
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- 9:30 am **Hilmar Cheese Overview & Tour**
- 10:45 am Stop By Café and pick up lunches
(everyone gets their lunch so they can grab their own drinks)
Lunch on the Bus Sponsored by: *MyLand & Jonah Parker, TALL XIV*
- 11:00 am Depart for Vander Woude Dairy
- 12:00 pm **Vander Woude Dairy Overview & Tour** **Simon Vander Woude**
Owner & California Dairies Inc. Co-op Chairman
- 12:40 pm Depart for Robson Farms
- 1:00 pm **Robson Farms Overview & Tour** **Brad Robson**, Owner
- 2:00 pm Depart for Wylie Farms near Madera just north of Fresno
- 3:00 pm **MyLand Overview** **Jonah Parker**, Investor Relations
TALL Alumnus XIV
Wylie Farms Overview **Justin Wylie**

Presiders	Trent Tyson & Jake Troutt
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- 4:20 pm Depart for HMC Farms
- 5:00 pm **HMC Farms tour & Overview** **Harold McClarty**, Owner
- 6:30 pm Depart for Reception in Fresno

Reception & Dinner Hosted & Sponsored by:

Western Agricultural Processors Association, California Cotton Ginners and Growers Association, California Fresh Fruit Association, and Fresno County Farm Bureau

Roger A. Isom, President/CEO- California Cotton Ginners and Growers Association and Western Agricultural Processors Association

Priscilla Rodriguez, Assistant Vice President – California Cotton Ginners & Growers Association

Christopher McGlothlin, Director of Technical Services - Western Agricultural Processors Association

Growers:

Mandy Critchley, Owner - Critchley Farms

Daniel Hartwig, Resource Manager - Woolf farming

John Chandler, Partner – Chandler Farms

9:00 pm Depart for Hotel

The Doubletree by Hilton Fresno Convention Center

2233 Ventura St, Fresno, CA 93721

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Presiders:	Lance Barnett & Ryan Skrobarczyk
Attire:	Business
Transportation	Charter Bus
Breakfast:	On your own in hotel

7:30 am Depart hotel for J.D. Heiskell & Co. - Guernsey Hanford Plant

8:30 am **J.D. Heiskell & Co. - Guernsey Plant Overview & Tour**

Matt Creighton,

California Fibers Trader, JDH Strategist & CGFA Past President

10:00 am Depart for Western Milling

10:30 am **Western Milling Overview & Tour** **Kris Vander Maarl,** Merchandiser

12:00 pm Lunch ***Sponsored by Western Milling***

1:00 pm Depart for Big Stump

Presiders	James Dangelmayr & Jon Cluck
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2:15 pm Arrive at the gate of Big Stump for the Sequoias Tour

Kelly Kucharski, District Manager,

Sierra Resource Conservation District

Tina Rolfsema, Chair of the Oak to Timberline Firesafe Council &

Retired Sequoia Kings Canyon National Park Ranger

4:30 pm Depart for Lassotovitch Ranch

Presiders	Kodie Sageser & Zane Thornton
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5:30 pm **Lassotovitch Ranch**

Ranch tour, overview, and dinner

Pete Lassotovitch, President & Chairperson

Sierra Resource Conservation District

Nathan Magsig, District 5 Fresno County Supervisor

Johnnie Siliznoff, Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations

8:30 pm Depart for the Hotel

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Friday, September 15, 2023

ADJOURNED! CHECK OUT OF HOTEL by 11am