

# 2024 California Date Palm Workshop

## May 22, 2024

Location:

Coachella Valley History Museum  
82616 Miles Ave, Indio, CA 92201

**Registration link:** [Link](#)

**8:00 a.m. – Noon**

- 7:30 Registration
- 8:00 **Welcome address** - Ali Montazar, UCCE Irrigation and Water Management Advisor & Gordon Chuchian, Chairman of CA Date Commission
- 8:15 **IPM in Dates: Past, Present, and Future** - Thomas Perring, Professor Emeritus, Department of Entomology, UC Riverside
- 8:40 **Updates on the South American Palm Weevil Invasion in Southern California** - Mark Hoddle, Professor of Extension in Biological Control, UC Riverside
- 9:05 **Update on Date Irrigation Management Research** - Ali Montazar, UCCE Irrigation and Water Management Advisor in Imperial, Riverside and San Diego Counties
- 9:25 **Update on Date Fertilization Research** - Robert Krueger, Horticulturist & Research Leader, USDA-ARS National Clonal Germplasm Repository for Citrus & Dates
- 9:45 **Date Palm Crop Insurance Overview** - Jonquil Henderson, Risk Management Specialist, USDA-Risk Management Agency

**Break (10 minutes)**

- 10:15 **Update on Changes to Laws and Regs Regarding Pesticide Use in California** - Daniel Delgado, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner, Riverside County
- 10:40 **Update on Herbicide Evaluation in Date Palms** - Peggy Mauk, Director of Agricultural Operations and Professor of Extension, UC Riverside
- 11:00 **Management of Mite Pests of Date Palms** - Bodil Cass, Assistant Professor/Extension Specialist - Subtropical Fruit IPM Lab, UC Riverside
- 11:20 **Date Palm Research at the University of Arizona** - Glenn Wright, Professor and Extension Tree Fruit Specialist, University of Arizona
- 11:40 **Pollen Management and Pollination in the Date Palm** - Ricardo Salomón Torres, Research Professor at Universidad Estatal de Sonora San Luis Río Colorado, Mexico
- 12:00 **California Date Commission Reports**  
Lunch - Please stay for lunch.

For additional information on the workshop, please contact Ali Montazar, [amontazar@ucanr.edu](mailto:amontazar@ucanr.edu) or Kristy Kneiding, [kkneiding@datesaregreat.com](mailto:kkneiding@datesaregreat.com)

Approved Continuing Education Units:

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