



California **WALNUT** CONFERENCE

February 19, 2026

Turlock, CA

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FREE to Attend!

**Growers, Applicators, PCAs, CCAs,
and Processors Welcome!**

- ✓ **Networking and Industry Mixer**
- ✓ **Coffee, Donuts, and Industry Lunch**
- ✓ **Exhibits**
- ✓ **CEUs, Seminars, and Workshops**

Please refer to the CEU tables for final approved DPR and CCA credits.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

7:00 AM Registration / Trade Show

8:00 AM State of the Industry:

*Introduction by Jason Scott, CEO JCS Marketing
Robert Verloop, CEO, California Walnut Board
and Commission*

8:30 AM Mold Management in Walnuts

*Themis Michailides PhD, UC Davis Plant
Pathologist, Kearney Ag Research &
Extension; Kent Brocker, Owner, Brocker
Agricultural Consulting*

9:00 AM UC Davis CE Specialist, Human-Wildlife
Conflict Resolution

*Roger Baldwin PhD, UCCE Specialist,
Human-Wildlife Conflict Resolution*

9:30 AM Getting More Walnuts on the Menu -
A New Approach to Increase California
Walnuts in Food Service

*Robert Danhi, Chef-in-Residence,
California Walnut Board and Commission*

10:00 AM Break / Trade Show & Walnut Research
Poster Sessions

11:00 AM Complexities of the Global Marketplace

*Moderator: Robert Verloop, CA Walnut
Board & Commission
Panelists: Anna Boulova, Secretary General,
FRUCOM; Arjun Chakravarti, Managing Partner,*

*Cognition Analytics; Pam Graviat,
VP Integrated Marketing, California Walnut
Board and Commission*

12:00 PM Working Lunch (12:00 - 12:45 PM)

12:15 PM CDFA Produce Safety Rule,
What Growers Need to Know

*Environmental Scientist, CDFA Produce
Safety Program*

12:45 PM Managing Nematodes in Walnuts in a
New Regulatory World

*Moderator: Abby Taylor, Managing Director of
Regulatory Affairs, Kahn, Soares & Conway;
Presentors: Brent Barton, Barton Ranch;
Andreas Westphal PhD, UC Riverside CE
Nematology, Kearney Ag Research & Extension*

1:15 PM Break / Trade Show

1:45 PM 2025 Crop Insights and Market Outlook

*Moderator: Robert Verloop, CA Walnut
Board & Commission
Panelists: Brendan O'Donnell, President & CEO,
DFA of California; Bill Carriere, Carriere Family
Farms; Chuck Crain, Crane Walnut Shelling;
R. Davin Norene, Big Time Farming, LLC*

3:00 PM Mixer & Research Poster Interaction

4:00 PM Adjourn

Approved for 1.5 Other Hours DPR Credit
3.5 hours CCA Units Pending Approval