

2018 Tri-State Pecanference

Thursday, June 21st

**9:00a Registration & Breakfast (provided) at Eagle Ridge Conference Center
1500 Raymond Lake Rd, Raymond, MS**

**9:45 Drive to Pecan Hill Farms
19470 MS-18, Raymond, MS**

10:00 Welcome & Announcements
Max Draughn, President, Mississippi Pecan Growers Association

10:30 Orchard Tour – Max Draughn

12:00 Picnic Lunch at orchards

1:00p Free range of orchard with Q&A

2:30 Adjourn, drive to Eagle Ridge

3:00 Exhibit Hall Opens

4:00 General Membership Meetings by State

5:00 Board Meetings by State

6:00 Reception in Exhibit Hall
Heavy hors d'ouvres & hospitality suite

Friday, June 22nd
Eagle Ridge Conference Center

7:30a Breakfast (provided)

8:30 Welcome
Presidents of LPGA, MPGA, and APGA

8:40 Morning Session: Moderator – Rebecca Melanson

8:40 Unmanned Aerial Systems in Agriculture
Mr. Louis Wasson, Sr Ext Associate, Geosystems Research Inst, MSU, Starkville, MS

9:10 Legal Methods for Controlling Wild Pigs
Mr. Bill Hamrick, Extension Associate, MSU, Starkville, MS

9:40 The American Pecan – Marketing Update
Ms. Caroline Lainio, VP, Weber Shandwick, Chicago, IL

9:55 American Pecan Council Update
Mr. Mike Adams, Chairman, Am Pecan Council

10:10 Break

10:30 U.S. Pecan Growers Council Update
Mr. Kevin Ivey, President, U.S. Pecan Growers Council, Clint, TX

11:00 Pecan Production in China
Dr. Haijun Zhu, Institute of Pomology, Jiangsu Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Nanjing, China

11:30 Analysis: Pecan Nut Export to China and Market Demographics
Ms. Sally Arn, Marketing Director, Carter Pecan – Arnco, Inc., Panama City Beach, FL

12:00 Lunch (provided)

1:00p Afternoon Session: Moderator – Charlie Graham

1:00 Sustainable Practices to Mitigate Food Safety Risk and Utilize By-Product from Pecan
Ms. Karuna Kharel and Mr. Cameron Cason, Graduate Research Assts, School of Nutrition & Food Sciences, LSU AgCenter, Baton Rouge, LA

1:30 Pecan Insect Roundup
Dr. Blake Layton, Extension Entomologist, MSU, Starkville, MS

2:00 Prionus Root Bores & Walnut Caterpillars
Dr. Dennis Ring, Extension Entomologist, LSU AgCenter, Baton Rouge, LA

2:15 Review of Winter Chilling Requirements in Pecan
Dr. Eric Stafne, Extension/Research Horticulturist, MSU, Poplarville, MS

2:40 Pecan Tree Crop Insurance
Ms. Nicole Gueck, Risk Management Specialist, AgriLogic Consulting, College Station, TX

3:00 Break

3:20 A Review of Bunch Disease
Dr. Rebecca Melanson, Extension Plant Pathologist, MSU, Raymond, MS

3:35 Help! I've Got Pecan Problems!
Dr. Charlie Graham, Extension/Research Horticulturist, LSU AgCenter, Bossier City, LA

4:00 Pecan Crop Estimate
Ben Littlepage, Pecan Prognosticator and Grower, Colfax, LA