

2019 Tri-State Pecanference

Thursday, June 20th

9:00a Registration opens at Bill Wagley Orchard
1302 False River Drive, New Roads, LA

9:45 Welcome & Announcements
Mike Montgomery, President, Louisiana Pecan Growers Association
Trey Decker, VP-Education, LPGA

10:00 Orchard Session – Moderator Trey Decker

10:00 Hog Trap Demonstration

10:30 Spray Demonstrations, Swihart and Savage

11:00 Drone Demonstration

11:30 NRCS Program Descriptions

11:45 – 12:45 Picnic Lunch at orchard (provided)
Sponsored by Indianola Pecan

12:45 Disease, Pest, and Leaf Sample Demonstrations
Several stations will be set up in the orchard for growers to visit in small groups

2:00 Adjourn

2:00 Exhibit Hall Opens at Scott Civic Center

4:00 General Membership Meetings by State

5:00 Board Meetings by State

6:00 Exhibitors' Reception in Exhibit Hall
Heavy hors d'ouvres & cash bar
Sponsored by American Pecan Council

Friday, June 21st
Scott Civic Center
1200 Major Parkway, New Roads

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

8:40 Morning Session: Moderator – Rebecca Melanson

8:40 US Pecan Growers Council Update
Janice Dees, Executive Director, U.S. Pecan Growers Council

9:10 American Pecan Council Update
Alex Ott, Executive director, American Pecan Council

9:40 Pecan Root System and Nitrogen
George Ray McEachern, Professor of Horticulture, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

10:10 – 10:40 Break

10:40 Pecan Breeding: The Next Generation
Dr. L. J. Grauke, Research Horticulturist, USDA, College Station, TX

11:10 Hickory Shuckworm and Pecan Weevil
Bill Ree, Jr., Extension Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Bryan, TX

11:40 Herbicide Injury of Pecans
Andrew Sawyer, Area Pecan Agent, Southeast District University of Georgia, Statesboro, GA

12:10 – 1:15 Lunch (provided)
Sponsored by H. J. Bergeron Shelling Plant

1:15 Afternoon Session: Moderator – Charlie Graham

1:15 How to Develop a Marketing Plan to Boost Your Sales
James Barnes, Agricultural Economist, Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS

2:00 Spraying Pecans for Disease: Sprayer Set-up, Calibration, Application, and Limitations
Clive Bock, Plant Pathologist, USDA-ARS, Byron, GA

2:30 – 3:00 Break

3:00 Disease Management of Scab Resistant Pecan Varieties
Charlie Graham, Pecan Specialist, Noble Research Institute, Ardmore, OK

3:30 Pecan Scab: Let's Talk About Sex
Carolyn Young, Mycologist, Noble Research Institute, Ardmore, OK

4:00 Ben Littlepage Memorial Pecan Crop Estimate
Charlie Graham, Pecan Specialist, Noble Research Institute, Ardmore, OK

4:30 Adjourn