



Monday February 25, 2019

6 AM – 7:30 AM Exhibitor set up

7:30 – 8:30 AM Registration, Light breakfast in ballroom, Visit with Exhibitors

8:30 – 9:00 AM Opening remarks (Ballroom)

Robert Sakata, CFVGA President

Cristy Dice, Produce Safety Rule Program Manager, CDA

Introduction of February 26 Tech Pitch presenters

9:00 – Noon: program in table. See descriptions below table as footnotes. Rooms are near the elevators

Room	9:00 – 10:30 Deep Dives	10:30 – 11:00	11:00 – 12:00 Deep Dives
Big Thompson	Managing Wildlife in Fresh Produce Fields: A Natural Approach (1)	Visit with exhibitors	Software solutions for produce food safety (5)
Platte River	Small-Scale Vegetable System Success (2)		Funding and Financing for your Small-Scale Farm (6)
Clear Creek	Specialty Crop Block Grant-Funded Projects Around Colorado (3)	Refreshments in ballroom	Specialty Crop Block Grant-Funded Projects Around Colo (7)
Boulder Creek	Farm Succession Planning: how to get going with the hard conversations (4)		[No session]

1. **Paula Rivadeneira, Assist. Professor, The University of AZ** will discuss the Food Safety Modernization Act’s call for co-management of wildlife and agriculture aimed at preserving the natural ecosystem while maintaining food safety. This concept may be counterintuitive so we will delve into why traditional animal deterrents are ineffective, and how using nature may be more effective and economical. Finally, she will discuss current research into natural animal deterrents and the role they play in an integrated pest management program to deter nuisance animals.
2. **Stephen Cochenour, Farm Manager, Denver Public Schools; Meg Caley, Executive Director, Sprout City Farms; Josh Olsen, Farm Instructor, Acres Farm at Warren Tech** There is a broad range of equipment available for small and diversified farms. From paper-pot transplanters, to cultivating tractors, to mechanized greens harvesters, it can be overwhelming-and expensive. This session will help beginning and small-scale farmers evaluate which equipment and systems could help reduce labor time and costs. This session will help you understand the unique needs for your personal scale of agriculture so that you can strengthen your farming systems and become more efficient.
3. **Mark Uchanski, Specialty Crops Program Coordinator, CSU** In ten minute “lightning talks”, SCBGP project award recipients will explain their funded work over the past year and describe lessons learned. There will be opportunity to ask questions, make connections, and provide feedback.
 - 9:00 - 9:15 - Introduction and CDA SCBGP overview, Glenda Mostek
 - 9:15 - 9:30 - CSU Specialty Crops Program, Mark Uchanski
 - 9:30 - 9:45 - Optimizing Postharvest Hop Quality in Colorado, Bill Bauerle
 - 9:45 - 10:00 - Colorado Mulberry and Pollinator Seed Project, Dan Hobbs
 - 10:00 - 10:15 - Extending Shelf Life of Specialty and Russet Potato Cultivars with At-Harvest Tuber Coatings, Sastry Jayanty
 - 10:15 - 10:30 - Cytospora mgt in peach orchards through cultural practices, cultivar selection, & stress mitigation, Jane Stewart

4. **Norm Dalstead, Professor of Agricultural Economics, CSU** When the senior generation ends their ownership of the farm, what happens next? Many families struggle with how to start and then maintain the conversation of farm succession planning. Learn from someone who has helped dozens of Colorado farm families have the hard conversations and develop workable succession/transition plans and subsequent estate plans.
5. The nation’s leading providers of food safety software – **CompWalk (Helen Little), iFoodDecisionSciences (Diane Wetherington, Ana Laura Alonso), Trimble Ag Software (Katie Tharp) Heavy Connect (Patrick Zelaya), and Syngenta – AgriEdge (Erin Werdenberg)** - will attend the 2019 CFVGA Annual Conference to display their electronic produce safety data and recordkeeping platforms and software systems. Learn how you can reduce paper and develop more reliable systems, especially ones integrated with organic production, traceability and blockchain technology. Come demo their software!
6. **Stephen Cochenour, Farm Manager, Denver Public Schools; Meg Caley, Executive Director, Sprout City Farms; Josh Olsen, Farm Instructor, Acres Farm at Warren Tech** Finding the right financing for your small farm can leave you feeling a bit like Goldilocks testing the temperature of the porridge. Some financing options are far beyond the needs of your small farm, while other options are too limiting. This session will help identify potential sources of financing ranging from Kickstarter campaigns through FSA loans that match your farms scale and needs.
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 - 11:00 - 11:15 - **Increasing Education and Production of Specialty Crops at High Altitude**, Andrea Coen
 - 11:15 - 11:30 - **Field irrigation response of Aronia melanocarpa cv Galicjanka, a new multi-product Colorado fruit to enhance crop diversity**, Steve Menke
 - 11:30 - 11:45 - **Using Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) to identify and monitor vineyard areas damaged by grape phylloxera**, Horst Caspari
 - 11:45 - 12:00 - **Colorado Heritage Apple Trials Initiative**, Addie and Jud

12:00 – 1:30 PM CFVGA member meeting lunch (Ballroom) - open to all

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM Colorado & California Water Today & Into the Future (Ballroom)

Brian Domonkos, Snow Survey Supervisor, Colorado Natural Resources Conservation Service;
 Dave Puglia, Executive VP, Western Growers; Becky Mitchell, Director, Colorado Water Conservancy Board

Starting off the session Brian Domonkos will provide an update on the current snowpack conditions around the state, what resources are available for farmers to use in their crop planning and are there trends that USDA has observed over the years of data collection. Next because high quality dependable water is critical in the arid west and often puts farmers and the rural population at odds, CWCB Director Mitchell and Mr. Puglia with Western Growers will explain the challenges Colorado and California are facing and how they are working to meet both rural and urban needs including the multi-state Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan.

2:30 – 3:00 PM Break and Exhibitor time – refreshments in foyer of breakout rooms

3:00 – 4:00 PM Breakout sessions

Room	Title
Big Thompson	Software solutions for produce food safety (repeat of 11 am session)
Platte River	Factors for success with cover crops in vegetable farming
Clear Creek	The Future of Blockchain on the Family Farm

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM Grower buyer networking session in ballroom

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM FREE reception in ballroom

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