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Fall Desert Crops Workshop (*Lunch Provided*)

Tuesday, December 1, 2009 – Registration 7:30 AM (California Time)

Brawley Events Center – 1562 Main Street, Brawley, CA

Applications for 4 CEU's for AZ, CA and CCA hours are pending

- 7:30 **Registration**
- 7:45 **Welcome from *Western Farm Press*** – Clay Blake, Associate Editor,
Western Farm Press, Gilbert, AZ
- 7:50 **Update on E. coli and Other Human Pathogens Concerning Leafy
Vegetable Producers** – Mark Trent, Vegetable Crops Advisor, UCCE
Imperial County, UC Desert Research and Extension Center (DREC),
Holtville, CA
- 8:10 **Vegetable Insect Management** – Eric Natwick, UCCE Entomology Farm
Advisor, UC DREC, Holtville, CA
- 8:30 **Using RF ID and GPS Technology for Lettuce Carton Trace Back** –
Kurt Nolte, UA Area Extension Agent and Director, UA Cooperative
Extension Yuma County, Yuma, AZ
- 8:50 **Importance of Nematode Sampling** – Donna Henderson, Plant
Pathology Farm Advisor, UCCE Imperial County, UC DREC, Holtville,
CA
- 9:10 **Nitrogen Management for Vegetable Crops** – Charles Sanchez, Soil
Scientist and Director, UA Yuma Agricultural Center, Yuma, AZ
- 9:30 **Lettuce Irrigation Management** – Khaled Bali, Irrigation/Water
Management Advisor, UCCE Imperial County UC DREC, Holtville, CA

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Fall Desert Crops Workshop Agenda (cont'd)

- 9:50 **Break**
- 10:05 **The Legend of El Dorado, Biochar, Carbon Sequestration and How All This Affects Soil-Applied Pesticides** – Milton McGiffen, Jr., UCCE Specialist and Plant Physiologist, Riverside, CA
- 10:25 **Nematode Management** – Antoon Ploeg, Nematology Specialist, UC Riverside
- 10:45 **Melon Virus Disease Management** – Maria Rojas, Plant Pathologist, UC Davis
- 11:05 **Expanded Host Range of *Cucurbit Yellow Stunting Disorder Virus*: Implications for Management** – William Wintermantel, Plant Pathologist, USDA-Agricultural Research Service (ARS), Salinas, CA
- 11:25 **Breeding Melons for Resistance Powdery Mildew and Cucurbit Yellow Stunting Disorder** – James McCreight, Research Leader, USDA-ARS, Salinas, CA
- 11:45 **Industry Updates from Commercial Sponsors**
- 12:10 **Lunch** – Courtesy of *Western Farm Press* and Commercial Suppliers

Lunch will be provided at no charge for those who RSVP by November 24, 2009. For more information contact **Eric Natwick** at etnatwick@ucdavis.edu, or (760) 352-9474 OR **Cary Blake**, *Western Farm Press* at cblake@farmpress.com or (480) 248-9735