

**Extension Ag Team**  
**June 6, 2014**

Participating on Call: Pedro Andrade, Al Fournier, Shawna Loper, Bill McCloskey, Ayman Mostafa, Kurt Nolte, Mike Ottman, Randy Norton, Mary Olson, Trent Teegerstrom, Barry Tickes, Russ Tronstad, Tim Vandervoet, and James Walworth

Minutes of Conf. Call

**Randy Norton**

**Aug 14** - Defoliation Field Day scheduled for Safford. R

Oct 2 - Bayer's Field Day near Eloy

Oct 8 - Monsanto's Field Day near Casa Grande

**Oct 9** - Randy SAC annual field day and tour of nearby area

**Shawna Loper**

Pinal meetings have had low attendance. Wants to do something more informal - short coffee meeting, 1 CEU, with discussion and problem solving. In Marana, still wants to do a tent talk. Topics of importance: heat stress, morning glory control, defoliation information.

**Looking at week of July 7.**

**Ayman Mostafa**

What helps to get people out to meetings, is to first make a visit to people, companies, and invite them in person to come out and encourage them to spread the word.

**July 2** meeting - Ron Rayner's, tent talk - cotton focus, weather, weed management

**July 1** - Buckeye area, Rovey's, tent talk - insect management, alfalfa, weed management

**Barry Tickes**

Barry will be Director of LaPaz County on July 7, he is expanding his duties as he will also cover current Yuma responsibilities. Barry noted how the LaPaz community is also a very appreciative audience of everything Extension does there. He plans to help out however he can, e.g., identify cooperators, etc. A lot of needs in alfalfa and cotton.

**Kurt Nolte**

**Week of July 14 or July 20-23** - Workshop in Yuma. Topics: Weather update (Brown), Irrigation cutout, defoliation, late season pest management in cotton. Alfalfa, summer slump and alfalfa pest management during summer months, ag economic trends would also be welcomed, water allocation and deficit irrigation (Ed Martin? Someone in CA?) is very important, maybe for all programs, but certainly in the western Yuma. (LaPaz meeting should follow similar agenda with meeting one day apart).  
(Vegetable Workshop sometime in August?)

Mary Olson provided some discussion on nematode samples. Mary and Mike are both half time now but Mark Smith, Nematology Technician, is analyzing samples. Currently, still no charges for testing samples from individual growers, but they are looking for ways to help fund Mark's time.

Tim has some things related to bio control on Whiteflies that he is doing with PCAs and would also like to get some grower input. He would like to take about 10 minutes on upcoming agendas to cover this.

**Calendar**

July 1 - Buckeye area, Rovey's, tent talk - alfalfa focus, insect and weed management  
July 2 - Ron Rayner's ranch, tent talk - cotton focus, weather, weed management, + Tim  
Week of July 7 - Shawna's meeting: 9, 10 or 11 look best  
July 15 - Yuma or LaPaz  
July 16 - Yuma or LaPaz  
Aug 14 - Randy Late Season Cotton meeting defoliation  
Oct 9 - Randy SAC annual field day and tour of nearby area

Agents are going to work within these dates and arrange with Specialists, Agents, and others to put together agendas for these meetings on a one-on-one basis.

Next meeting will be on **Sept 3, Wednesday from 11:00 - 12:30** via conference call

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