The University of Arizona Maricopa Agricultural Center (MAC) is the premier arid land research facility in the desert Southwest, and is known for its research on arid lands that is applicable world-wide. This facility is also one of the largest research and education facilities of its type anywhere in the world. The MAC facility consists of 2100 acres of irrigated land for research and demonstration purposes, and houses numerous UA faculty from various departments in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALS). MAC provides a base for research conducted by many UA faculty that are based on the main campus in Tucson and many industry research representatives. A companion facility for a large contingent of USDA-ARS research personnel is under construction.

The MAC Field Day provides an opportunity to highlight and showcase the MAC facility, research and education capacities, current research and on-going education programs. Additionally, this Field Day provides a very important opportunity to educate the community relative to future plans for the development at MAC.

The demographics and economy of central Arizona are rapidly changing. These changes are providing very real impact on current research and education programs at MAC as well as future directives for development. This is a critical time for planning and development at MAC, as well as for the future of this elite facility, which is associated with the University of Arizona.

Research is a cooperative effort of the University of Arizona Research and Extension faculty, USDA-ARS personnel, and agricultural industry professionals.
Tentative

AGENDA
8:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.
REGISTRATION
Cardon Building/Main Lobby
**FREE LUNCH PROVIDED TO REGISTERED GUESTS ONLY**

9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT DISPLAY

9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
POSTER DISPLAYS
Ag-Venture Village

10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
SYMPOSIUM:
“The Future of the Maricopa Agricultural Center”
Cardon Building/Multipurpose Room

8:30 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.
BUS TOURS

12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.
BARBECUE LUNCH

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

12:30 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.
REMARKS
Colin Kaltenbach
Vice Dean & Director, Experiment Station

1:00 P.M.
4-H MUSEUM DEDICATION
Ag-Venture Village

SYMPOSIUM
“The Future of the Maricopa Agricultural Center”
(Multi-Purpose Room/Cardon Building)
Moderator – Jeff Silvertooth

SPEAKERS

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