



# DOWN THE VEGETABLE ROW

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## CALIFORNIA ASPARAGUS DAY MEETING

Tuesday, December 9, 2003

9:00 a.m. to 12 NOON

Location: Radisson Hotel, 2323 Grand Canal Blvd, off March Lane,  
east of Interstate 5 in Stockton, California

1.5 Hours  
Continuing  
Education  
Requested

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### MEETING AGENDA

- 9:00 – 9:05 Welcome and Introductions  
Bob Mullen, UC Vegetable Crops & Weed Management Farm Advisor, San Joaquin County
- 9:05 – 9:30 Asparagus Cultivar Evaluation Trials & Pest Management Research Currently and In The Future  
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- 9:30 – 9:55 World Trends in Asparagus Production and Acreage  
Brian Benson, President, California Asparagus Seed & Transplant
- 9:55 – 10:25 The UC Asparagus Breeding Program – Cultivar Improvement, Disease Resistance (Phytophthora Crown/Root Rot, Asparagus Rust, etc.)  
Neil Stone, Staff Research Associate, UC Riverside
- 10:25 – 10:40 Short Refreshment Break
- 10:40 – 11:10 A Progress Report on ASPIRE US: California's Asparagus Root Carbohydrate Management Program  
Seth Peterson, Doctoral Graduate Student, Utah State University
- 11:10 – 11:40 Satellite Imaging with Asparagus to Identify Plant Stress and Possible Pest Management Problems in Grower Fields  
John LeBoeuf, Ag Data Sensing Incorporated
- 11:40 – 12:00 Overview of Insect Pest Problems in Asparagus  
Benny Fouché, UC Small Farms & Specialty Crops Advisor, San Joaquin County