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74th Annual
West Texas Agricultural
Chemicals Institute Conference

September 10, 2026

TDA APPROVED CEU's – 6

2 IPM, 3 General, 1 Laws & Regulations

CCA APPROVED CEU's – 6

2 - IPM, 2 - Crop Management, 2 - Professional Development

*****LOCATION*****

Scottish Rite Event Center

1101 70th Street

LUBBOCK, TEXAS

September 10, 2026

7:30 **On-site Registration**

8:00 **Welcome – Explanation of CEU/CCA Credits**
Garrett Wesley, WTACI President

General Session

8:05 **West Texas Agricultural Commodity Market Update**
Andrew Wright

8:55 **Update on Invasive Pests in Texas**
David Kerns

9:45 **Break and Booth/Poster Visitation**

10:00 **West Texas Weather Outlook- Implications for Farm Planning and Risk Management**
Matt Ernst

10:50 **2026 Farm Bill/Ag Policy Updates and Implications on the Markets and Financial Strategies**
Natalie Stewart

11:40 **Lunch & Award/Scholarship Presentations**
Brendan Kelly

1:00 **Graduate Student Research Symposium**

- *Skylar Crumley, Undergraduate*
- *Andrea Caprini Sagiorato, Master's*
- *John Kohler, Master's*
- *Manpreet Singh, PhD*
- *Meenakshi Berwal, PhD*

1:30 **Opportunities and Markets for American Elite Upland and Pima Cotton in West Texas**
Ken Lege /Chad Brewer

2:20 **Break and Booth/Poster Visitation**

2:50 **Herbicide, Pesticide, Fungicide Product Update Panel**
Brent Besler, John Everitt, Adam Hixson
(Todd Baughman, Moderator)

3:40 **Program Evaluation, CEU Distribution, and Adjourn**

WHO'S WHO

Dr. Andrew Wright– Asst. Professor & Extension Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Lubbock, TX

Dr. David Kerns – Professor, Associate Department Head, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, College Station, TX

Matt Ernst – News Director, Chief Meteorologist, KCBD Newschannel 11, Lubbock, TX

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