



Mint Industry Research Council

ANNUAL MEETING

JANUARY 21-22, 2026

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Wednesday, January 21

Jr. Ballroom Foyer

1:30 - 5:00 p.m. **Registration**

General Session Jr. Ballroom

2:00 - 2:15 p.m. **Welcome**
Steve Salisbury, MIRC Research and Regulatory Coordinator

2:15 - 3:00 p.m. **US Ag Economy and What Growers are Telling Us**
James Mintert, Purdue University

3:00 - 3:45 p.m. **Progress in Mint Genetics and Varietal Improvement**
Isabelle Henry, UC Davis

3:45 - 4:30 p.m. **Verticillium Wilt Resistance in Developing Mint Lines**
Jeremiah Dung, Oregon State University

4:30 - 5:00 p.m. **Gaining Global Market Access**
Matt Lantz and Alinne Oliveira, Bryant-Christie Inc.



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Thursday, January 22

Jr. Ballroom Foyer

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **Registration**

General Session Jr. Ballroom

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. **Disease Management with Crop Rotation**
Jeremiah Dung, Oregon State University

9:00 - 9:30 a.m. **Pesticide Research & Regulatory Challenges**
Jerry Baron, IR-4

9:30 - 10:00 a.m. **Managing Spider Mite Populations in Mint**
Doug Walsh, Washington State University

10:00 - 10:15 a.m. **Break**

10:15 - 11:15 a.m. **The MAHA Movement and Agriculture**
Cindy Smith, Gowan Co. USA

11:15 - 11:35 a.m. **The Council Update - Chairman's Report**
A.J. Todd, ADM-Mint

Ballroom D & E

12:00 - 1:30 p.m. **Luncheon**

General Session Jr. Ballroom

1:30 - 2:10 p.m. **MIRC Research & Regulatory Report**
Steve Salisbury, MIRC Research and Regulatory Coordinator

2:10 - 2:40 p.m. **Trends and Priorities in Agriculture**
Jonathan Akins, Tessenderlo Kerley, Inc.

2:40 - 3:10 p.m. **Herbicide Evaluations & Optimizing Nitrogen Fertilizer in Spearmint**
Rui Liu, Washington State University

3:10 - 3:30 p.m. **Break**

3:30 - 4:00 p.m. **Carbon Dynamics of Mint Production**
Jennifer Moore, USDA-ARS

4:00 - 4:45 p.m. **A Mint Marketing and Consumer Trends Update**
Candace White, Colgate-Palmolive Co.

East Pool Terrace

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. **Industry Reception**
Hors d'oeuvres and Hosted Bar



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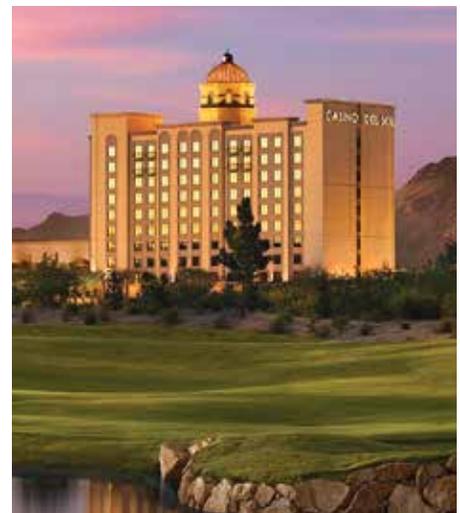
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The Mint Industry Research Council is a unique organization that brings together all segments of the industry; growers, mint oil buyers and major manufacturers. The goal and objective of the MIRC is to fund and direct the research and activities needed to sustain and enhance the productivity of a high quality and economical North American mint.

THIS IS A MIRC MEMBERS ONLY EVENT