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**Wednesday, March 20, 2024**

### ***Beginner's in Pecan Production Agenda (Room H)***

- 9:00 a.m. **Welcome**
- 9:10 a.m. **Cost of Pecan Production**  
*Dr. Lenny Wells, UGA Horticulture*
- 9:30 a.m. **Pecan Cultivars**  
*Dr. Patrick Conner, Plant Breeding, UGA*
- 10:15 a.m. **BREAK - Snacks & Beverages Offered in Exhibit Hall**
- 10:45 a.m. **Pecan Irrigation**  
*Dr. Lenny Wells, UGA Horticulture*
- 11:15 a.m. **Pecan Tree Planting & Establishment**  
*Andrew Sawyer, Southeast Georgia Area Pecan Agent, UGA Extension*
- 12:00 p.m. **Annual Awards Luncheon**  
*Introduction of New GPGA Board Members and Officers, Presentation of Annual Awards & Scholarships*

## National Pecan Federation

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*The National Pecan Federation's 'Political Action Committee'*

### **What does NPF do?**

The NPF advocates for the pecan industry in Washington, D.C. Advocacy can take various forms and often begins with the education of key people about the industry's concerns, and, depending on the issue, might involve partnering with other specialty crop producers, working with state departments of agriculture, or with other industry participants. A well-funded PAC is essential to ensuring that the voice of the Pecan Industry is heard.

### **What has NPF/PECAN PAC accomplished?**

1. Lowered India tariffs on U.S. Pecan exports
2. \$146 per acre tariff mitigation paid to growers
3. Millions paid to growers to offset hurricane damage
4. Research and Promotion authority to assess imported pecans expected to generate \$4,000,000 in additional marketing and research funding.
5. \$8,500,000 funding for cracking and pasteurization research
6. \$8,500,000 funding for pecan breeding research
7. Pecan Crop Insurance reforms
8. Pecan Participation in COVID-19 economic stimulus programs
9. USDA pecan purchases for feeding programs

### **What are NPF/PECAN PAC's current priorities?**

1. Improvements to Federal Pecan Crop Insurance and Tree Loss Insurance
2. Processing and breeding research continued funding
3. Positioning the industry to benefit from the Biden Administration's carbon sequestration initiatives

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- 1:00 p.m. **Pecan Insect Management**  
*Dr. Apurba Barman, UGA Entomology*
- 1:45 p.m. **Pecan Disease Management**  
*Andrew Sawyer, Southeast Georgia Area Pecan Agent, UGA Extension*
- 2:30 p.m. **BREAK - Snacks & Beverages Offered in Exhibit Hall**
- 2:45 p.m. **Pecan Fertilization**  
*Dr. Lenny Wells, UGA Horticulture*
- 3:15 p.m. **Hedge Pruning Pecan Trees**  
*Dr. Lenny Wells, UGA Horticulture*
- 3:35 p.m. **Pecan Weed Control**  
*Andrew Sawyer, Southeast Georgia Area Pecan Agent, UGA Extension*
- 4:00 p.m. **Pecan Equipment**  
*Dr. Lenny Wells, UGA Horticulture*



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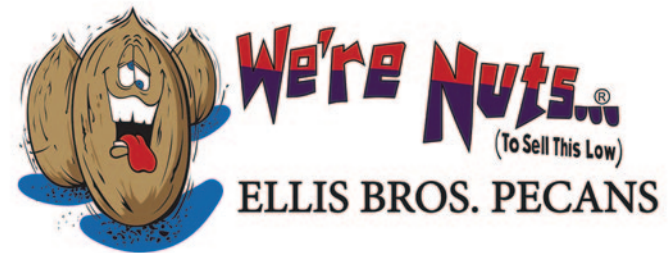
### Wednesday, March 20, 2024 Educational Sessions Agenda (Room D)

**Moderator: John Bennet, Wilcox County Extension Agent**

- 8:30 a.m. **Welcome**  
*Chris Clough, GPGA President*
- 8:40 a.m. **How to Maximize Pecan Shelf-life**  
*Dr. Ron Pegg, Food Science & Technology, UGA*
- 9:00 a.m. **Update from American Pecan Council & American Pecan Promotion Board**  
*Anne Warden, CEO and Serena Schaffner, Managing Director of Global Marketing*
- 9:40 a.m. **Panel Discussion from the Industry's National Groups:**  
*Moderator: Deborah Walden-Ralls (AZ),*  
*Panelists: Justin Jones (GA), Trent Mason (GA),*  
*Paul Quiros (GA), Will Easterlin (GA)*
- 10:15 a.m. **BREAK - Snacks & Beverages Offered in Exhibit Hall**
- 10:45 a.m. **Update from Georgia's Commodity Commission for Pecans**  
*RG Lamar, Chairman*
- 11:00 a.m. **Pecan Fungicides - Where do we go from here?**  
*Dr. Tim Brenneman, Plant Pathologist, UGA*
- 11:20 a.m. **Evaluating and Reducing Hurricane Risk in Pecan**  
*Jeff Cannon, Andy W. Whelan, Jones Ecological Research Center and Dr. Lenny Wells, UGA Horticulture*

## Orchard Tour: Thursday, March 21, 2024

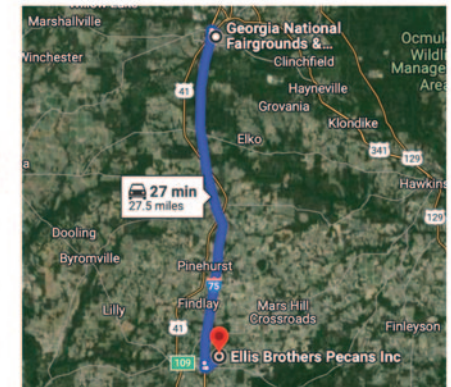
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- 11:40 a.m. **Update from the UGA Pecan Breeding Program**  
*Dr. Patrick Conner, Plant Breeding, UGA*
- 12:00 p.m. **Annual Awards Luncheon**  
*Introduction of New GPGA Board Members and Officers,  
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- 1:30 p.m. **Potential Effects of Pecan Hedge Pruning  
on Fertilizer and Water Use**  
*Bailey Rayfield and Dr. Lenny Wells, UGA Horticulture*
- 1:50 p.m. **Determination of the Crop Coefficient and its Multi-Year  
Variability in a Georgia Pecan Orchard**  
*Kriti Poudel, Gengsheng Zhang, Monique LeClerc,  
and Dr. Lenny Wells, UGA Horticulture*
- 2:10 p.m. **Post-Harvest Control of In-Shell Pecan Weevil Larvae**  
*Dr. Ted Cottrell, USDA-ARS, Ellen M. Thoms, Michael J. Aikins,  
Thomas W. Phillips, Quintin D. Read, Chip Starns*
- 2:30 p.m. **BREAK - Snacks & Beverages Offered in Exhibit Hall**
- 3:00 p.m. **Microbial Biopesticides for Control of Pecan Pests**  
*Dr. Eddie 'Kyle' Slusher,  
USDA-Agricultural Research Station, Byron, GA*
- 3:30 p.m. **Unlocking the Potential of Pecan Shells as a Soilless  
Substrate for Greenhouse Production in Georgia**  
*Dr. Cristina Pisani, Research Horticulturalist,  
USDA-Agricultural Research Station, Byron, GA*

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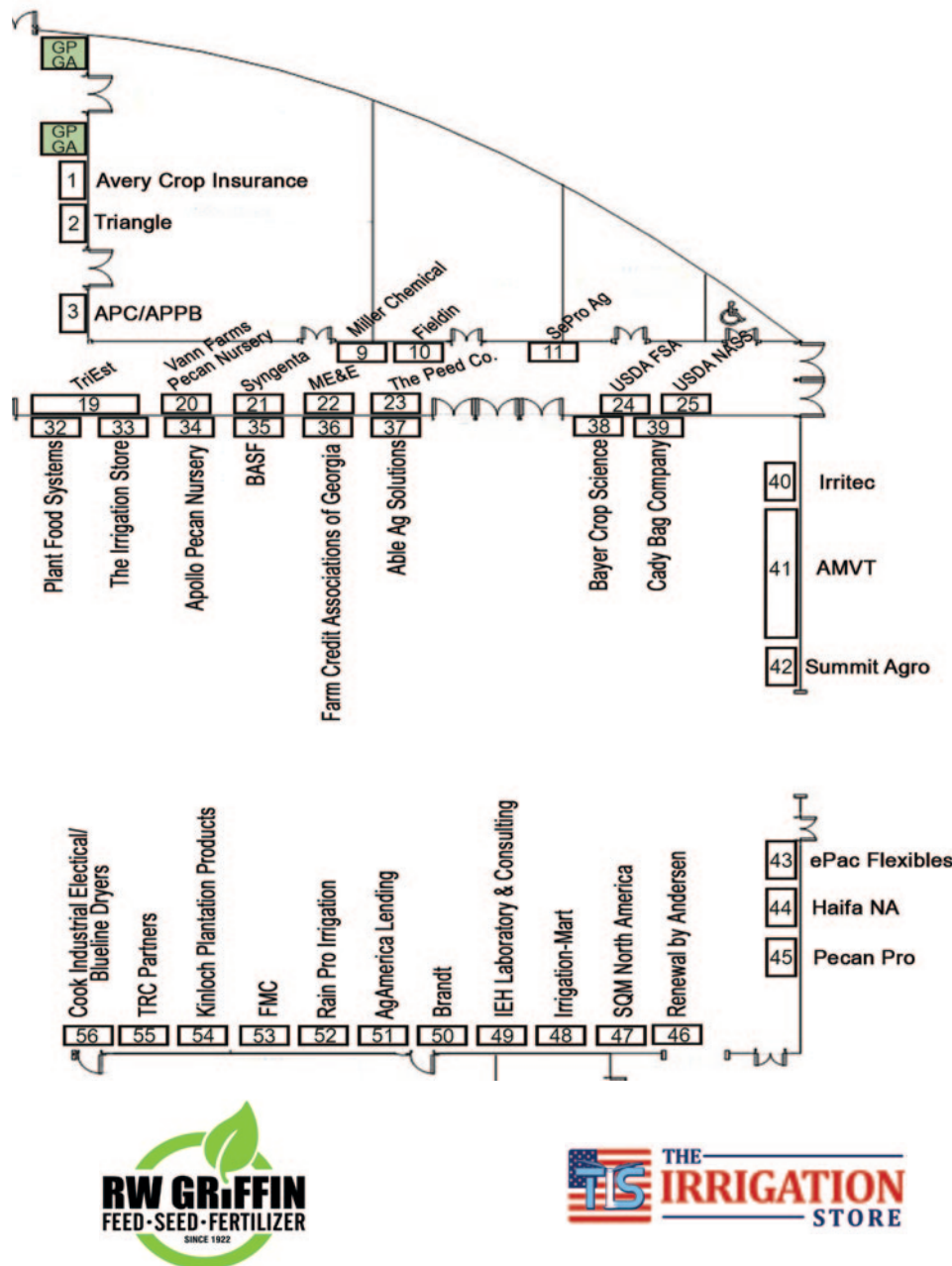
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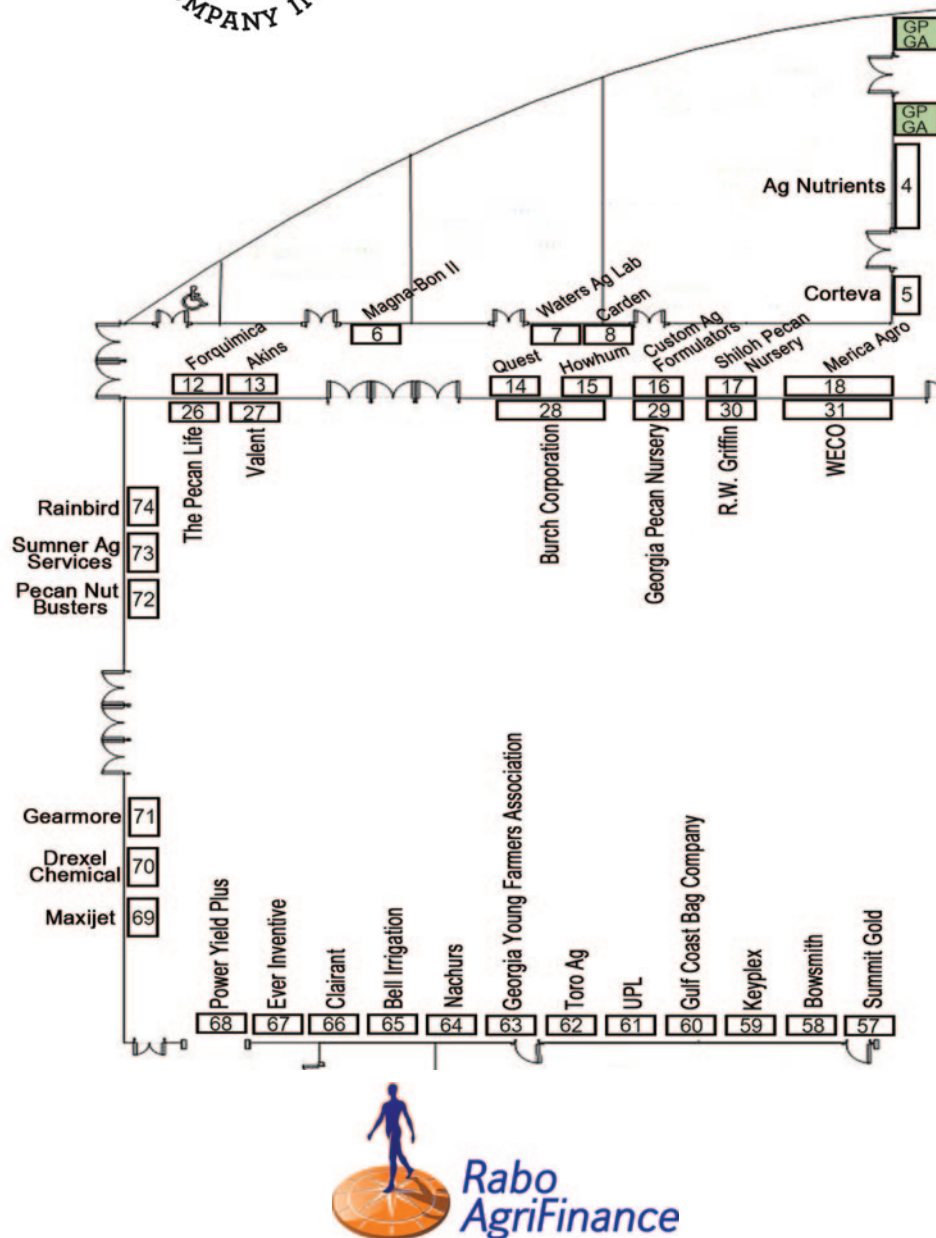


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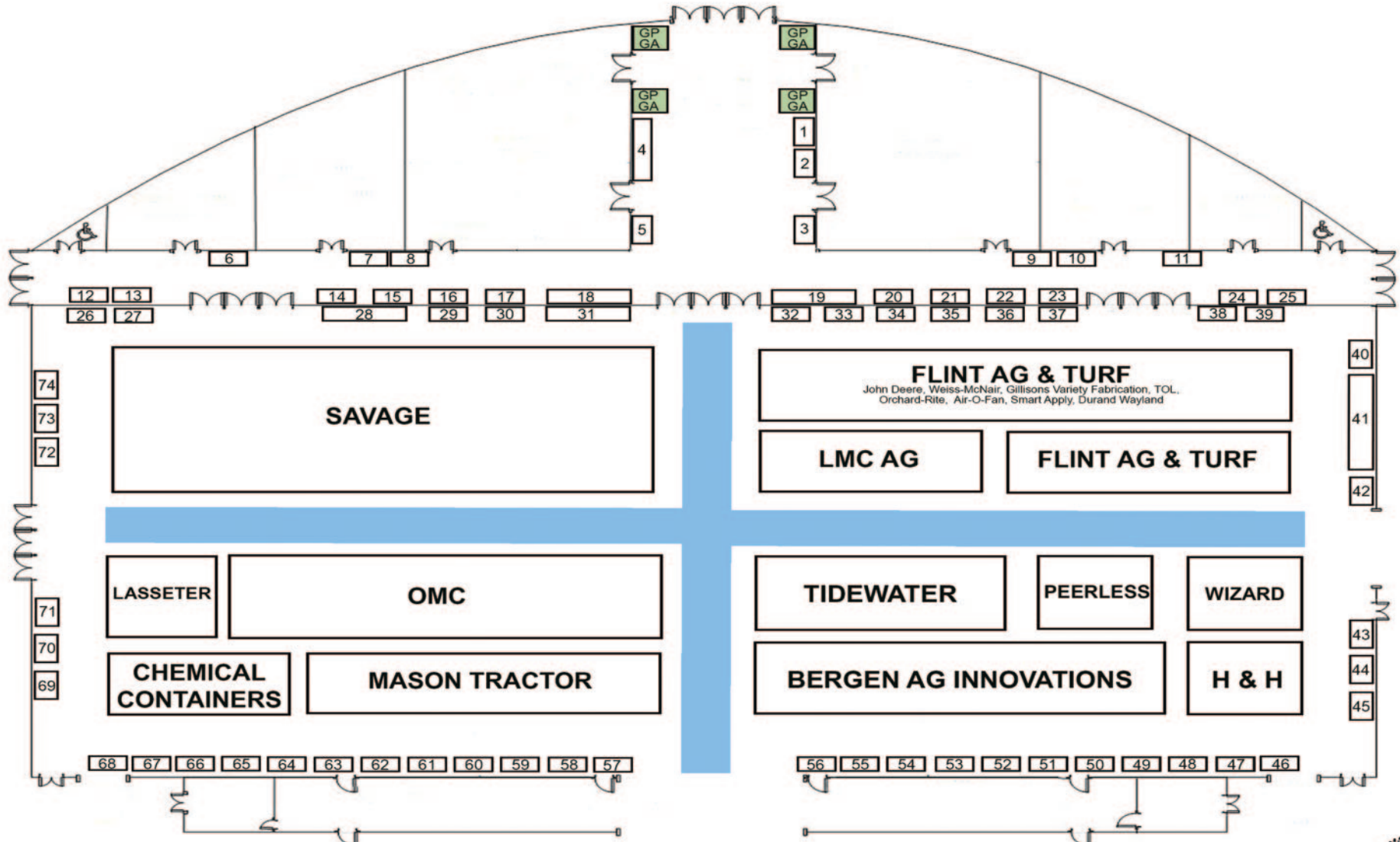
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- 10:30 a.m. Flint Ag & Turf
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