

**AGENDA FOR 2024
 SPRING OKVMA CONFERENCE
 THE CHAMPION CONVENTION CENTER – OKC**

MARCH 5, 2024 – ISA EXAM & APPLICATOR TEST REVIEW

12:00 pm	ISA Arborist – EXAM (Alanna Cooper, Test Proctor)
8:00 – 11:30 11:30-1:00 lunch on your own 1:00 – 3:00	Test Help / Review Session for OK Commercial Applicator Certification. Offered by: Charles Luper & Kevin Shelton – OSU Extension Services NO TESTING PROVIDED

MARCH 6, 2024 - GENERAL SESSION

TIME	SPEAKER	PRESENTATION TOPIC INFORMATION
7:00 – 8:00	REGISTRATION - OSU Conference Services	
8:00	Presidents Welcome – Introduce Conference Sponsors/Vendors, Housekeeping	
8:00 - 9:00	<u>Dr. Fred Whitford</u> Purdue Pesticide Programs Purdue University	<u>What Have We Learned from Truck Accidents</u> Just because someone else is at fault from a traffic accident doesn't necessarily mean you or the company are absolved. Learn how lawyers and the courts work when it comes to highway accidents involving spray application equipment and pesticides transported on the highway. More importantly, you will learn why keeping the trucks and trailers repaired and maintaining maintenance records is so important in protecting the driver and company.
9:00 – 10:00	<u>Steven Frazier</u> OG&E	<u>Adding Technology to the IVM Toolbox</u> This presentation will give a brief history of remote sensing. Learn how electromagnetic radiation is used to analyze vegetation for encroachment and health analysis. Learn how to source publicly available imagery to make better business decisions.
10:00 – 10:30	BREAK with Exhibitors	
10:30 – 11:30	<u>Dennis Martin, PhD</u> Professor & Turfgrass Extension/Research Specialist Oklahoma State University	<u>Weed Control in Wildflower Plots in Right-of-Way and Landscapes</u> Wildflower plantings are growing in popularity in both the roadside and urban settings. Performance suffers when excessive weed invasion occurs. This presentation features an integrated pest management approach to weed management through education on definitions, wildflower identification and selection, proper establishment, id of the most common weeds, manual weed removal, herbicide selection and herbicide application methods for achieving wildflower planting performance.
11:30 – 12:30	LUNCH PROVIDED	
12:30 – 1:30	<u>Megan Parker</u> Pesticide Certification & Training Administrator (ODAFF)	<u>Laws & Rules Update</u> Provide updates on proposed laws and rule changes in Oklahoma and discuss EPA's proposed Certification and Training rules.
1:30 – 2:30	<u>Dr. Fred Whitford</u> Purdue Pesticide Programs Purdue University	<u>Adjuvants and the Power of Spray Droplets</u> Adjuvants can improve the biological performance of the pesticide by modifying the spray pattern, droplet, or deposit properties (spray quality) up to and including the rate of movement of the pesticide into the plant (uptake and penetration). The results of the application may be marginally acceptable, but adding the right adjuvant might have redirected the spray droplets back to the center target.
2:30 – 3:00	BREAK with Exhibitors	
3:00 – 4:00	<u>Audra Egan</u> Davey Resource Group, Inc.	<u>Compliant or Complacent? Are you up to date with your herbicide storage, handling, and procedures?</u> This presentation will focus on the importance of adhering to regulations and raise awareness of potential risks. How to create the best practices in the storage, handling, and usage of herbicides.