

## 2025 Midwest Mint Growers Conference Agenda February 27-28 – Lafayette, IN

*All times are Eastern Standard Time*

### Thursday, February 27

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| 12:30 pm      | Meeting Registration  |
| 1:00 pm       | Welcome – Mr. Dan Gumz, President of the Indiana Mint Market Development and Research Council   |
| 1:15pm        | College of Ag Update – Dr. Bernie Engel, Glenn W. Sample Dean of Agriculture, Purdue University   |
| 1:45pm        | Corn and Bean Outlook – Dr. Michael Langemeier, Purdue University   |
| 2:15pm        | New Weed Science Tools and Toys: Combining Work and Play for Site-Specific Management – Dr. Tommy Butts, Purdue University  |
| 2:45pm        | Pesticide Regulations Update – Phil Woolery, Purdue Extension (PARP credits for IN growers)   |
| <b>3:15pm</b> | <b>Break</b>  |
| 3:30pm        | Shuttle departs hotel for campus tour   |
| 3:45pm        | Asiatic Garden Beetle Research Update – Dr. Elizabeth Long, Purdue University<br>Smith Hall, 901 Mitch Daniels Blvd, West Lafayette, IN 47907   |
|               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• View mint grown in different soil types</li><li>• Discuss the life cycle of insect-parasitic nematodes and their compatibility with management strategies. Look at insect parasitic nematodes under a microscope</li><li>• Meet Catherine Hill, ENT Department Head</li></ul>   |
| 4:30pm        | Mint Weed Management Update – Dr. Stephen Meyers, Purdue University<br>HLA Plant Growth Facility, 625 Agriculture Mall Dr, West Lafayette, IN 47907   |
|               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discuss 2024 weed management findings</li><li>• Symptomology demonstration – various herbicides will be applied to mint, and injury symptoms will be discussed</li><li>• Meet Linda Prokopy, HLA Department Head</li><li>• Quick tour of HLA Plant Growth Facility by Nathan Deppe, Director of Greenhouse and Indoor Ag Facilities</li></ul> |
| 5:15pm        | Shuttle returns to hotel  |
| 5:30pm        | Social Hour – Sponsored by Norwest  |
| 6:30pm        | Banquet – Keynote speaker: Vertical Farming: An industry coming into its own, or ahead of its time? Dr. Cary Mitchell, Professor Emeritus, Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, Purdue University   |

## Friday, February 28

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| 8:00am  | Breakfast  |
| 9:00am  | Announcements  |
| 9:15am  | Research and regulatory activities report – Mr. Steve Salisbury, MIRC<br>Research and Regulatory Coordinator, Salem, OR                                |
| 10:00am | 2023-2024 Mint industry buyers report – Jeff Johnson, Callisons  |
| 11am    | Annual business meeting – Respective states<br>Richard Gumz – President, Wisconsin<br>Dan Gumz – President, Indiana<br>Tom Irrer – President, Michigan |
| 12:00pm | Adjourn – Have a safe trip home  |