

**September 11, 2025**

**WHO'S WHO**

**7:30 On-site Registration**

**8:00 Welcome – Explanation of CEU/CCA Credits**  
*Brent Besler, WTACI President*

**General Session**

**8:05 Drone Technology and Application in Agriculture**  
*Trey Stephens*

**8:55 Corn Leafhopper Update**  
*David Kerns*

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

**10:00 ESA Update**  
*John Byrd*

**10:50 Farm Policy: Concerns and Solutions**  
*Bart Fischer*

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

**1:00 Graduate Student Research Symposium**  
*Alethia Bello*  
*Analeese Brewster*  
*Chakri Vorunganti*  
*Matthew Woolard*  
*Megan Singletary*

**1:30 Nutrient Efficiency as Water Becomes More Deficient**  
*Greg Binford*

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

**2:50 Crop Consultant Panel**  
*Justin McGee, James Todd, Tyler Gilreath*  
*(Kerry Siders, Moderator)*

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

**Trey Stephens**– Key Account Manager, Agri Spray Drones

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

**Dr. John Byrd** – Extension/Research Professor, Mississippi State University

**Dr. Bart Fischer** – Co-Director, Agricultural and Food Policy Center, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

**Greg Binford** – National Director of Advanced Agronomic Training, Wilbur-Ellis, Zionsville, Indiana

**Justin McGee** – Crop Consultant, Amarillo, TX

**James Todd** – Todd Ag Consulting, Plainview, TX

**Dr. Tyler Gilreath** – Extension Entomologist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Amarillo, TX

**Kerry Siders** – IPM Agent, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Levelland, TX

**Alethia Bello** – Texas Tech University- PhD

**Analeese Brewster** – West Texas A&M – MS

**Chakri Vorunganti** – Texas Tech University – PhD

**Matthew Woolard** – Texas Tech University -PhD

**Megan Singletary** – Texas Tech University -PhD

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#### RECENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

##### *INSTITUTIONAL*

Danny Meason  
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Mary Jane Buerkle  
Jaroy Moore  
Glen Ritchie  
David Kerns

##### *COMMERCIAL*

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Terry Campbell  
Tim Cooper  
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**TDA APPROVED 7 CEU**

**3 IPM, 3 General, 1 Laws & Regulations**

**CCA APPROVED 8 CEUs**

**2 IPM, 1 Nutrient Management, 1 Soil and Water Management,  
1 Crop Management, 1 Sustainability, 1 Precision Ag,  
1 Professional Development**

**\*\*\*LOCATION\*\*\***

**Scottish Rite Event Center  
1101 70<sup>th</sup> Street  
LUBBOCK, TEXAS**