

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Region County Agents Meeting**  
November 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Mesquite, Nevada

Purpose: To allow for the free exchange of ideas, programs and research among agents in the Western United States.

- Benefits:**
1. Sharing of ideas and programs on a professional level.
  2. Presentation and publication of peer reviewed papers, which are important for Promotion and Tenure.
  3. Tours of industry and other points of interest in the Western U.S.
  4. Allow agents with limited travel budgets to attend a professional meeting.

**About the meeting:**

Location: Casa Blanca Resort and Casino Mesquite, Nevada (80 miles East of Las Vegas, Nevada).  
Website: <http://www.casablancaresort.com> Room Rate: \$34.98 plus tax

Facility: We have three meeting rooms reserved; each seats 36 people (they can be combined to accommodate 100).

**Tentative Schedule:**

**New!** Meeting will start **Tuesday** morning at 9 A.M., with Geospatial Technology Seminar taught by Phil Rasmussen (Regional Coordinator for Western Region SARE program and Geospatial Extension Specialist for Utah)

**Wednesday** a short introduction session, followed by the presentation of papers in two tracks throughout the day. There will be time for commodity/specialty discussion groups at lunch to help individuals become familiar with programs and individuals from other states.

**Thursday** will be a tour day, commercial horticulture, golf course management, alfalfa hay production and Mohave Desert Rangeland ecology will be featured.

**Publishing Proceedings:**

Abstracts of each paper will be published in high quality attractive proceedings.  
Abstracts will be peer reviewed by agents located in a different state than the author.

**Costs:**

Meeting registration should be around \$70.00. Lunches, breaks (all three days) and a copy of the proceedings are included.

**Website:** <http://extension.usu.edu/uacaa>

**Notes:**

Papers must be submitted by September 25th.

You do not need to present a paper to attend.

A formal call for papers is included with this email. Registration forms will be sent out in August.

Please email Chad Reid [chad.reid@usu.edu](mailto:chad.reid@usu.edu) if you are interested in attending so we can get a rough head count.

