

2024 Midwest Mint Growers Conference Agenda

February 22-23 – South Bend, IN

All times are Eastern Standard Time

Thursday, February 22

- 12:30 pm Meeting Registration
- 1:00 pm Welcome – Mr. Dan Gumz, President of the Indiana Mint Market Development and Research Council
- 1:15pm Creating a Diverse Corn Belt – Dr. Linda Prokopy, Department Head, Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, Purdue University
- 1:45pm Relationships Between Asiatic Garden Beetle and Yield Loss in Mint – Dr. Elizabeth Long, Purdue University
- 2:15pm Mint Weed Management Update – Dr. Stephen Meyers, Purdue University
- 2:45pm Succession Planning for Farm Businesses – Renee Wiatt, Purdue University
- 3:30pm Break**
- 4:00pm Worker Protection Standards – Phil Woolery, Purdue Extension (PARP credits for IN growers)
- 4:30pm Corn and Bean Outlook – Dr. Michael Langemeier, Purdue University
- 5:00pm Adjourn & Social Hour sponsored by Norwest Ingredients
- 6:00pm Banquet and Social Time – Keynote speaker: John Haferkamp, News Director WSBT22

Friday, February 23

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