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2018 Farwest Show to offer pesticide recertification classes

Portland, Oregon (August 8, 2018) – The 2018 Farwest Show will offer six pesticide credit classes for attendees including one by Kelly Vance from 8:30–9:30 a.m., Wednesday, August 22, in Room B119. Vance, an IPM specialist with Beneficial Insectary, will conduct the class with credit for pesticide recertification. Spanish translation will be included.

Vance's presentation, "Not All Mites Are Spider Mites: Bio Control of Broad, Russet and Cyclamen Mites," will look beyond spider mites to identify potential damage from other "micro-mites" before they are ever detected. His session will cover the basic biology of mites that threaten crops in the Pacific Northwest. He'll also cover inspection and quarantine of incoming plant material, scouting crops for early warning signs and biological control programs focusing on prevention.

Class registration is required and includes pesticide credit eligibility. Register online at <https://farwestshow.com/Register/>

Vance has been an integrated pest management (IPM) specialist with Beneficial Insectary since 2016. He has spent years using IPM techniques to protect annuals, perennials and tropical houseplants in the production environment in Central Florida and in Oregon. During years in the greenhouse, he developed large-scale biological pest control programs for a variety of crops and structures. At Beneficial Insectary, he helps growers establish and maintain programs targeting the key pests that threaten their plants' health.

The 2018 Farwest Show will be held August 22–24 in Portland, Oregon, at the Oregon Convention Center. Complete details can be found at www.FarwestShow.com

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The Oregon Association of Nurseries (OAN), based in Wilsonville, represents more than 800 wholesale growers, retailers, landscapers and suppliers. Oregon's ornamental horticulture industry is one of the state's largest agricultural commodities, with annual sales of \$909 million. Oregon's nursery industry is a traded sector; nearly 80 percent of the nursery plants grown in Oregon are shipped out of state. For information, visit www.oan.org or call 503-682-5089.

The Farwest Show, the largest green industry show in the West, is produced by the OAN, a trade organization that represents and serves the interests of the ornamental horticulture industry. Any revenue realized by the OAN is reinvested into the industry through education, research, marketing support and government relations. For more information about the 2018 Farwest Show, visit www.FarwestShow.com or call 503-682-5089.

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