A BRIEF OVERVIEW
CLGRP HISTORY

• 1973 marketing order approved CA Iceberg lettuce industry
• 1995 expanded to include leaf lettuces
• 2008 expanded to include spinach and baby leaf lettuces
• Industry votes to renew the program every 5 years
CLGRP HISTORY

• Mission: to keep CA leafy greens handlers competitive by supporting agricultural research on lettuce and spinach
CLGRP HISTORY

• Research funding $19 MM to date
• Commitment to making research results public
  – Annual Report
  – Midyear and Annual Meetings
  – Web Site  www.calgreens.org
The Board

• 15 full members and 15 alternates
  – Represent over 80% of industry volume
  – District B
    • Henri Ardantz
    • Tom Ikeda
    • Steve Donovan
    • Rob Ferrini
    • John Jackson
    • David Espinola
Ex Officios

• 3-4 retired industry members
• Very involved with research projects
• Preserves institutional knowledge
  – Farm advisor
  – Vice president of production (former board member)
  – Production manager/entomologist (former board member)
CLGRP RESEARCH FOCUS

– PLANT BREEDING and GENETICS
  • USDA SALINAS
  • UC DAVIS
  • Both programs release germplasm to the seed industry for varietal development

– DISEASE AND PEST MANAGEMENT
  • Verticillium, Downy Mildew, Bacterial Leaf Spot, Fusarium, Tomato Spotted Wilt
  • Aphid, Thrips, Leafminer, Symphyllans, Springtails
  • Weeds
CLGRP RESEARCH
FOCUS

• WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT
  – Nitrogen requirements
  – Tailwater and tile water treatment strategies
CLGRP RESEARCH FOCUS

• FOOD SAFETY
  – Research priority since late 90’s
  – Currently funding several projects
    • Pathogen survival
    • Sampling and testing methods
    • Rapid response studies
  – Collaborations with other programs
• Center for Produce Safety
  – Joint projects
    • Phyllosphere and interactions with plant pathogens
    • Wash Water Monitoring
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RESEARCH FOCUS

• Need for more educational outreach
  – Recalls announced weekly
  – List of pathogens expanding
  – More requests for product testing

• Series of presentations throughout the state
  – Your feedback is appreciated