

## Leonard Gianessi's Las Vegas/California Trip Part 1

On January 27, CropLife Foundation consultant Leonard Gianessi spoke on the topic of "Herbicides and their Role in Sustainability" to 170 attendees at the Western Alfalfa Seed Growers 2014 Winter Seed Conference, Las Vegas NV. Also speaking was Jay Byrne, President of v-Fluence, who reported on the well-funded activities of activist groups hostile to current farming practices. Leonard and Jay were introduced by Rod Christensen, CEO of the organization. On January 28 Leonard travelled to Sacramento, CA where he met at WPHA HQ with Rachel Kubiak and Rich Cornett. Leonard also visited CALDPR offices to present a new talk on "Herbicide Use: Benefits and Trends in California Crops." Leonard reported on his use of DPR's full-use reporting data to track the use of 60 herbicides on 31 crops 1992-2011. Leonard's host was Larry Wilhoit who confirmed DPR's invitation for Leonard to present his analysis in May at a Pesticide Use Reporting Workshop.



Leonard with Jay Byrne and Rod Christensen



Leonard presenting at Alfalfa Seed Growers



Leonard with CALDPR staff



Leonard with Rich Cornett, WPHA