

**Fritz Roka**

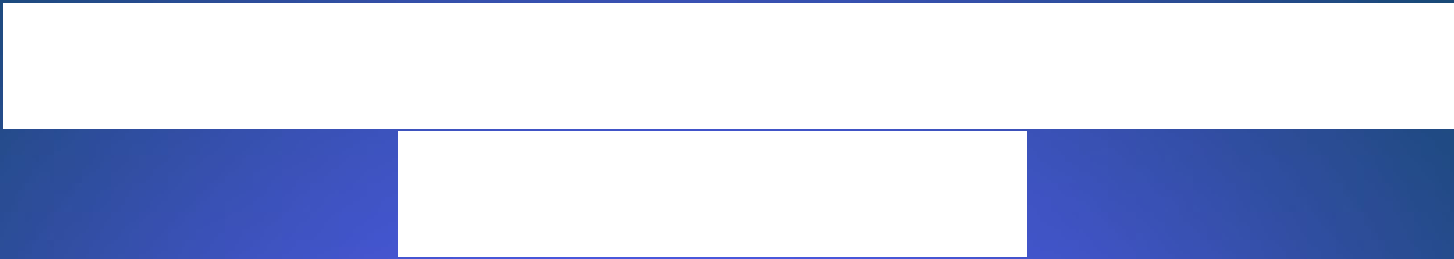
**Mechanical Harvesting Field Day & Workshop**

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1. Hindering adoption of MH systems
2. Debris adds cost



- **Pay a fee (culls) equal to the cost**
- **Remove debris in field**



## Three questions:

1. How much debris delivered?
2. What's the cost?
3. How will MH change quantity and cost of debris?

Tim Spann: quantity question.

Proposal: estimate cost of handling debris at a processing plant.



1. Cost of hauling non-citrus
2. Cost of load rejection
3. Cost of handling excess debris
4. Cost of equipment breakdowns
  - Repairs - material and labor
  - Cost of downtime.



- ❑ **Short-term goal:**

- Create situation where MH loads are cleaner than HH loads and receive preferential treatment.

- ❑ **Long-term vision:**

- What if every load looked like packing house eliminations?