

## Michael L. Harvey, Sr. Bio

Michael L. Harvey, Sr. received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences from California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo. Upon graduation he pursued his passion for farming and entered agriculture working for the largest producers of almonds and pistachios in the United States at the time. During his tenure as the Executive Operations Manager, he innovated many of the standards practiced in nut farming today. Among his accomplishments was establishing the first major planting of *Pistacia integerrima* when Verticillium wilt was threatening the viability of the pistachio industry on the west side of the San Joaquin Valley. During the past decade he has helped develop a significant amount of acreage to the more productive 'Golden Hills' and 'Lost Hills' cultivars utilizing the new generation rootstocks including 'UCB1' and 'Platinum'. Mike is now a resident of Arizona and frequently travels to the Central Valley of California to provide management and consulting services. He serves on the Technical Sub Committee of the California Pistachio Research Board. Mike has pistachio orchard ownership in Arizona and is involved in many aspects of Arizona agriculture including research and development. He provides agronomic management strategies for acreage in Arizona and California. Mike's experience as a farm owner gives him great insight into the economics of farming. With over 45 years of experience, Mike has extensive knowledge of tree nut production and is well connected in the agricultural industry across the nation.