

## Contra Costa &amp; Alameda Counties

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**SABBATIC LEAVE**

On February 1<sup>st</sup> I will begin a year long sabbatic leave. This is a study leave offered by the University of California to allow Farm Advisors time to upgrade their skills. During the next year I will be embarking on a program to improve my knowledge of both agricultural marketing as well as new communication technologies. I'll also be doing some scientific writing. While I am gone, Farm Advisors in San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties have agreed to take calls in their areas of expertise from growers in Contra Costa and Alameda Counties. So if you have production questions while I'm gone contact one of the Advisors below. Have a safe and productive year!

**Vegetable Crops**

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**FEBRUARY 2008**

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**BUY FRESH BUY LOCAL**

The second Bay Area Food Guide is getting ready to go to print. This is a great supplement to the Harvest Time brochure reaching potential new customers and clients. They are planning a booklet with an updated format and a wider circulation than last year. It will also be available on the web with a nice search feature. To be sure you are included in the new edition, contact the Brentwood Agricultural Land Trust (BALT) at 925-634-6738 before February 15<sup>th</sup>. BALT is the Contra Costa County Coordinator and has an ambitious campaign planned for the upcoming season to promote Buy Fresh Buy Local to a variety of consumers and retailers.

**CHERRY BUCKSKIN TASK FORCE**

In December of 2007, local growers established a Cherry Task Force to direct an area-wide approach to prevent the spread of Cherry Buckskin Disease. This is a serious disease that was discovered in Brentwood in 2002 and has been responsible for the removal of 3 local cherry orchards since that time. The Task Force is moving forward with aggressive abatement efforts and a grower educational campaign. They are assembling a list of commercial operators who could provide spraying or tree removal services, including firewood gleaners for small scale growers. If you would like to find out more about Buckskin Disease or the Task Force or participate in Task Force efforts, contact Len Del Chiaro 925-550-9616 (co-chair), Mark Maggiore 925-382-9273 (co-chair) or Joy Benson 925-634-3038 (secretary). Information on Buckskin Disease and photos of symptoms, vectors and host plants should also be posted on my office website by mid February at:  
<http://cecontracosta.ucdavis.edu/Agriculture>

## 56<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LODI GRAPE DAY

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2008

Hutchins Street Square  
Kirst and Crete Halls  
(125 South Hutchins St, Lodi)

- 7:30 am Registration/Continuing Ed hours signups & coffee
- 8:00 am Climate & Grape Production: Local Reality vs. Global Perceptions  
*Paul S. Verdegaal, UCCE Farm Advisor, San Joaquin County*
- 8:30 am Control of Vine Mealybug Research in Lodi, 2007  
*Benny Fouche, UCCE Farm Advisor, Retired, San Joaquin County*
- 9:05 am Observations of Field Spread of Leafroll Disease in Napa Valley  
*Dr. Deborah Golino, Director of Foundation Plant Services, UC Davis*
- 9:45 am Break
- 9:55 am Putting the "I" in IPM for Spider Mites in Grapes  
*David Haviland, UCCE Farm Advisor, Entomology and Pest Management, Kern County*
- 10:35 am Vine Balance and Lodi Winegrowing for Quality and Sustainability  
*Dr. Jim Wolpert, Viticulture Specialist, Dept. of Viticulture & Enology, UC Davis*
- 11:05 am Development of Geographic Nutrient Management Zones for Winegrapes Based on Soil-Landscape Characteristics  
*Dr. Toby Ogeen, Soil Specialist, Dept. of LAWR, UC Davis*
- 11:40 am Tasting
- 12 noon Lunch (tickets \$15.00/person)
- 12:30 pm Luncheon speaker: 2007 in Review and Prospects for Lodi in the Future  
*John Leonardo, Wine Broker, Joseph W. Ciatti Company*

## PESTICIDE SAFETY TRAINING IN SPANISH

Diablo Valley Farm Center  
Delta Road at 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Knightsen, Ca

### *Classes for Pesticide Handlers*

**Pesticide Handlers** are anyone who applies, mixes, loads, flags, or otherwise handles pesticides. Employers must provide a pesticide safety training every year for their handlers before they begin work with pesticides. Each participant will receive an official UCCE Pesticide Safety Training Record

- ◆ Thursday, **February 21**, 2008  
8:00 – 11:00 am
- ◆ Thursday, **March 20**, 2008  
8:00 – 11:00 am
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### *Classes for Field Workers*

**Fieldworkers** are employees who work in fields or nurseries where pesticides have been applied but do not handle pesticides themselves. Employers must provide a pesticide safety training every 5 years for their workers. Each participant will receive a blue EPA Worker Training Verification Card

- ◆ Thursday, **April 17**, 2008  
8:00 – 10:00 am
- ◆ Thursday, **June 12**, 2008  
8:00 – 10:00 am

If your employee(s) cannot attend one of these scheduled classes, any certified commercial applicator (PCA, PCO, QAC, QAL) or private applicator may legally provide the training.

### **To Register:**

Call the Knightsen Agriculture Department office at 925-427-8610 before the class to provide the number of people from your operation who will be attending so we can prepare materials for participants. The class is FREE and open to all who wish to attend.

## 2008 Sacramento River District Pear Research Meeting

Thursday, February 14, 2008

Walnut Grove Library  
14177 N. Market St  
Walnut Grove, CA 95690

(Same building as Agricultural Commissioner's Office  
in Walnut Grove)

3.0 hours PCA / Private Applicator C.E. credit applied for  
4.0 hours Certified Crop Advisor C.E. credit applied for

### **Sponsored by:**

UC Cooperative Extension, California Pear Advisory Board,  
and the Pear Pest Management Research Fund

### **AGENDA:**

- 8:00 Refreshments  
8:25 Welcome & announcements

### **Plant Pathology**

- 8:30 Evaluation of new bactericides for control of fire  
blight – *Jim Adaskaveg, UC Riverside*  
8:50 Detection of resistance in populations of pear scab and  
fire blight – *Doug Gubler, UC Davis, and Jim  
Adaskaveg, UC Riverside*  
9:10 Testing an Italian model that predicts pear scab  
ascospore release based on temperature and wetness –  
*Janet C. “Jenny” Broome, UCCE Sacramento/  
Yolo/Solano*

### **Entomology**

- 9:30 Development of cost-effective mating disruption for  
codling moth – *Steve Welter, UC Berkeley*  
9:50 Efficacy of new reduced-risk codling moth  
insecticides – *Bob Van Steenwyk, UC Berkeley*  
10:10 Monitoring and control of katydids – *Lucia Varela,  
UCCE North Coast*  
10:25 Break  
10:45 Monitoring and the use of mass trapping outside the  
orchard to control consperse stink bug – *Rachel  
Elkins, UCCE Lake/Mendocino Counties*  
10:55 Comparison of Calypso vs. grower standard  
insecticides for codling moth control – *Chuck Ingels,  
UCCE Sacramento County*

### **Horticulture**

- 11:05 Rest-breaking agents: applications and timing in the  
dormant period – *Kitren Glozer, UC Davis*  
11:25 Evaluation of alternative pear varieties  
Evaluation of potential new size controlling rootstocks  
Use of platforms for orchard operations – *Rachel  
Elkins, UCCE Lake/Mendocino Counties*  
12:15 Sustainable practices program development: Scoping  
and needs assessment – *Holly King, Great Valley  
Center, Modesto, CA*  
12:35 Adjourn

## 2008 Annual Caneberry Meeting

February 19, 2008

University of California Cooperative Extension  
1432 Freedom Blvd.,  
Watsonville, CA 95076

- 7:30 Registration – No Fee  
8:00 Introduction to Program  
8:05 Regulatory Update –  
*Ken Corbishley, Santa Cruz County Agricultural  
Commissioner*  
8:45 Arthropod and Disease Control in Caneberries –  
*Mark Bolda, UCCE Santa Cruz County*  
9:15 Caneberry Variety Trials in San Luis Obispo  
County –  
*Dr. Mark Gaskell, UCCE < Santa Barbara  
County*  
9:45 Does CO<sub>2</sub> Application Enhance Commercial  
Raspberry Production? –  
*Maren Mochizuki, UCCE, Ventura County*  
10:05 Break  
10:30 Primocane-fruiting blackberries: Production,  
Management and Season Extension –  
*Ellen Thompson, Consultant*  
11:10 New Caneberry Varieties and Blackberry  
Training Systems for California –  
*Dr. Chrislyn Particka, Sakuma Bros/Norcal  
Nursery*

For more information, contact  
Mark Bolda (831) 763-8040

## WEATHER REPORT

**Rainfall:** We have had above average rainfall since the  
“water year” began in October thanks largely to extra rain  
in January. This should help us to leach the salts that  
accumulated over the last season and begin the year with  
a full moisture profile in our soils. Heavy rainfall also

increases the likelihood of runoff which can bring sediment and other contaminants into the public waterways. Not a good thing. Letting the weeds grow or planting a cover crop can reduce runoff and let more of the rainfall infiltrate the soil where it can be used for your crop growth next spring. Having a cover of some sort also allows earlier access to the field after a rainfall.

MONTH	BRENTWOOD		LIVERMORE	
	Average	07-08	Average	07-08
Oct	0.7	0.7	0.84	1.2
Nov	1.2	0.6	1.85	0.6
Dec	2.1	2.1	2.05	2.1
Jan	3.0	5.3	3.0	5.0
Feb	2.9		2.8	
Mar	1.6		2.5	
Apr	0.7		1.0	
May	0.6		0.4	
Jun	0.2		0.1	
Jul	0.0		0.0	
Aug	0.0		0.1	
Sep	0.3		0.2	
<b>To Date</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>8.9</b>
TOTAL	13.3		14.8	

**Chill Accumulation:** We've had a fair amount of chill and are just slightly below the average number of chill hours to date. Most fruit trees need a certain amount of chill during the winter in order for them to mature their fruit buds and have a strong set with a compact bloom. The number of hours below 45F has been the standard method used to estimate chill accumulation for many years. In recent years a newer method of calculating chill "portions" has been looked at, particularly for cherries. This method attempts to take into consideration the plant's varying response to different temperature ranges. According to the chill portion method, Brentwood has accumulated 58 chill portions as of Jan 29 which is slightly above last year's accumulation of 56 chill portions. And last year was a pretty good chill year. So it looks like we are doing fairly well with respect to winter chill. You can check on either chill hours or chill portions via the UC Fruit and Nut Research and Information Center at <http://fruitsandnuts.ucdavis.edu> as the season progresses.

## SYRAH VINE HEALTH ISSUES

A Syrah Vine Health Symposium was held at UC Davis on November 6, 2007 to present the current state of research knowledge about the unique growth problems specific to this variety. Nearly 19,000 acres of Syrah (Shiraz) have been planted in California since 1990. A wide array of unusual symptoms and irregular vine performance has been observed in this variety including bark furrows, red or brown leaves, swelling at the graft union, wood necrosis, and delayed maturity. If you have been seeing these symptoms in your vineyard and were unable to attend this symposium, you'll be pleased to know that the entire program is now available on-line at NO charge. You can view or review all the lectures at <http://groups.ucanr.org/Syrah/>.

## THE TRELIS ALLIANCE

The mission of this group is to facilitate communication between the UC Davis Department of Viticulture and Enology and the wine and grape industries. They hold an annual symposium called "Recent Advances in Viticulture and Enology" or "RAVE" every spring at UC Davis. It's an intensive, one-day workshop bringing faculty, researchers and cooperators together to present their research to industry members, in a manner that encourages interaction and conversation. Everyone who attends is awarded membership in the Trellis Alliance with their enrollment fee. For more information on RAVE, or to sign up for the annual seminar, go to the UC Davis Extension website at <http://extension.ucdavis.edu/unit/winemaking/>.

The Trellis Alliance also offers its members and guests several lecture/barbeques each year at our Oakville Experimental Station and elsewhere. A bottle of wine is the admission charge. They also maintain an e-mail news list to inform members of upcoming meetings/seminars/and workshops as well as summary articles of relevant applied research. To access the research summaries or join the Alliance go to <http://wineserver.ucdavis.edu/>.

## BRENTWOOD CHILL HOURS

MONTH	2007-2008	2006-2007	2005-2006	2004-2005	2003-2004	2002-2003	2001-2002	2000-2001	1999-2000	1998-1999	1997-1998	1996-1997	AVG
Nov	92	90	87	127	113	125	74	281	101	123	41	128	148
Dec	401	440	287	420	324	368	240	631	451	589	422	376	492
Jan	730*	824	439	809	584	589	596	1013	640	1007	652	691	807
Feb		951	622	887	728	759	777	1226	715	1209	756	821	903

\* through January 29th

## PUBLICATIONS

The following new UC Publications are FREE and can be downloaded from the web as indicated below:

**Sample Costs to Establish and Produce Organic Alfalfa Hay**, University of California Cooperative Extension, 2007, by R. Long, R. Meyer and S. Orloff is now available on-line at [www.CostStudies.ucdavis.edu](http://www.CostStudies.ucdavis.edu).

### **Irrigated Alfalfa Management for Mediterranean and Desert Zones**

This new, 24 chapter production manual by the University of California Alfalfa Workgroup is designed to provide detailed information on the growth, production, management, and utilization of alfalfa grown under irrigation. This practical guide is a companion to *Intermountain Alfalfa Management* which is focused on the high elevation valleys of the Intermountain west. Most chapters are currently available on-line at: <http://alfalfa.ucdavis.edu/irrigatedalfalfa> including marketing and economics, managing older or depleted stands, harvest strategies, weed and insect management, site selection, stand establishment and more. It should be available in printed form by the summer.

### **UC Newsletters**

#### **First Press – the newsletter of olive oil production and evaluation.**

This is a FREE, quarterly, electronic newsletter with very timely production information. It is produced by Farm Advisor Paul Vossen in Sonoma County and has great information and photos. The Winter 2008 issue includes: The Art and Science of Olive Oil Blending, New Pest of Olives, UC Davis Olive Center, Storing Olive Oils. Past issues have included: Olive Harvest Efficiency, Olive Research in Spain, Adulterated Oil, Olive Oil Taste Preferences, Pruning Olive Trees, Orchard Spacing, and more. See it on-line at: [cesonoma.ucdavis.edu](http://cesonoma.ucdavis.edu) in the Newsletter tab or subscribe to Viki ([vsrio@ucdavis.edu](mailto:vsrio@ucdavis.edu)) with your name, address, phone & e-mail.

**Small Farm News** is a FREE 12 page newsletter put out by the Small Farm Center at UC Davis. It features farmer and farm advisor profiles, research articles on specialty crops, marketing and other items of interest to small farmers; it has excellent information on print and web site resources, and a small farm-related events calendar. You can view all the past issues at:

<http://www.sfc.ucdavis.edu/pubs/SFNews/news.html>

To subscribe, e-mail the Small Farm Center at: [sfcenter@ucdavis.edu](mailto:sfcenter@ucdavis.edu) or call (530) 752-8136.

The following new UC publications are priced as indicated and can be ordered from our online catalog at <http://anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu>. Type the publication number or title into the search box to find and order the publication or call 1-800-994-8849. Reference copies are available in my office if you would like to review the publication before ordering.

### **Monitoring Soil Moisture for Irrigation Water Management**

By Blaine Hanson, Steve Orloff, Blake Sanden

*Publication 21635, \$25*

Monitoring soil moisture is an alternate method to water-based balance methods of managing irrigation water. Using this method you can “see” what is going on in the soil and determine answers to some key irrigation management questions.

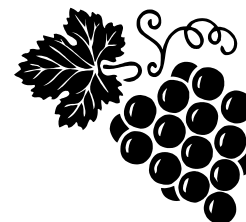
Did enough water infiltrate the soil? Is too much water being applied? What is the water uptake pattern of the roots? When should irrigation take place? What was the depth reached by the irrigation?

### **Irrigated Pasture Production in the Central Valley of California**

By Barbara Reed, Larry Forero

*Publication 21628, 69 pages, \$12*

Irrigated pastures, a mixture of perennial grasses and legumes, can be grown successfully in most areas of the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys. This new guide is a step-by-step guide to establishing and maintaining irrigated pastures. Using this publication you’ll learn how to plan in advance for an irrigated pasture, select plant species, and prepare the seedbed. You’ll also learn about the special fertilization, weed control, and irrigation issues present with irrigated pastures. Also included are chapters on hay making, forage and grazing management, leases, and grazing economics.



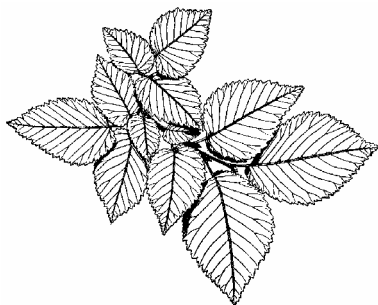
## PUBLICATIONS (continued)

### Small Farm Related Magazines

**American Small Farmer** is a national, monthly magazine catering exclusively to the interested and needs of the small farmer. It has articles on all aspects of small farm production – grower & farm profiles, enterprise ideas and selection, specialty crops, marketing, organic production, small scale equipment and technology, and lots more. Subscription rate is \$18/year at [www.smallfarm.com](http://www.smallfarm.com)

**Farmers' Market Today** – the Business Journal for Direct-to-Consumer Marketers. This is a brand new, national magazine that is FREE to farmers. It has lots of examples of and ideas for selling direct, the local food movement, how to find new markets, and more. Check out the latest issue and subscribe at their website: ([www.FarmersMarketsToday](http://www.FarmersMarketsToday)). Or you can subscribe by email ([info@ScissortailProductionsLlc.com](mailto:info@ScissortailProductionsLlc.com)) or by phone (800-959-3276).

**Edible East Bay** – this is a quarterly publication related to finding, appreciating and enjoying local food in the East Bay counties. It is a good place to find out more about the local food interests and players and give you some potential new marketing ideas and places. There are lots of articles (and ads) about businesses that support the local concept and are looking to buy foods produced in the East Bay. It is available FREE of charge at the Contra Costa Certified Farmers Markets, Pacific Coast Farmers Markets, Berkeley Farmers' Markets, as well as retailers that feature local foods such as: Dan's Fresh Produce (Alameda), Diablo Foods (Lafayette), Encinal Market (Alameda), Ferry Plaza Wine Merchant (S.F.), Paul Marcus Wines (Oakland), Piedmont Grocery (Oakland), Rockridge Market Hall (Oakland). Or you can subscribe for \$28/yr at (510) 845-1788 or [www.edibleeastbay.com](http://www.edibleeastbay.com).



## UC WEBSITES

**UC Fruit and Nut Research & Information Center**  
<http://www.fruitsandnuts.ucdavis.edu>

- Crop Information
- Chill unit accumulation
- Irrigation, nutrition, water quality information

**UC Vegetable Research & Information Center**  
<http://www.vric.ucdavis.edu>

- Crop & production information
- Good Agricultural Practices & Food Safety

**UC Agronomy Research & Information Center**  
<http://agric.ucdavis.edu/>

- Crop information – alfalfa, grains, specialty crops

**UC IPM Program**

<http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu>

- Pest Management Guidelines
- Weather data & chill unit accumulation
- Degree day models & interactive tools
- Pest photo gallery

**UC Weed Research & Information Center**  
<http://www.wric.ucdavis.edu>

- Weed ID & photo gallery
- Herbicide efficacy guidelines
- Poisonous plant information

**UC Postharvest Technology**  
<http://postharvest.ucdavis.edu>

- Produce Facts (postharvest handling guidelines for over 100 individual commodities)
- Post harvest resources directory

**UC Agriculture & Resource Economics**  
<http://coststudies.ucdavis.edu>

- Cost of Production studies

**UC Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education Program**

<http://sarep.ucdavis.edu>

- Cover crop database
- Organic farming information/links

**UC Small Farm Center**  
<http://www.sfc.ucdavis.edu>

- Agritourism
- Specialty crops
- Direct marketing

**UC Integrated Viticulture**  
<http://groups.ucanr.org/iv/>

# CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY

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### **Placer GROWN FARM CONFERENCE**

Lincoln High School, Lincoln

8:00 am – 3:30 pm

Fee: \$55

Sponsors: UCCE Placer, PLACERgrown

Contact: <http://ceplacer.ucdavis.edu>

530-889-7385, rsingram@ucdavis.edu

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### **56<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LODI GRAPE DAY**

Hutchins Street Square

125 South Hutchins St, Lodi

Kirst & Crete Halls

7:30 am – 1:30 pm

Fee: Free; Lunch - \$15.00

Sponsors: UCCE San Joaquin, UC Davis

Contact: (209) 468-2085; <http://cesanjoaquin.ucdavis.edu>

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### **COLUSA FARM SHOW**

Colusa County Fair Grounds, Colusa

Contact: (530) 458-2641; [www.thefarmshow.com](http://www.thefarmshow.com)

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### **SONOMA COUNTY GRAPE DAY**

Wells Fargo Center for the Arts,

50 Mark West Springs Road, Santa Rosa

8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Fee: \$45, includes lunch & wine

Sponsors: UC Cooperative Extension, Sonoma County

Winegrape Commission

Contact: <http://ucanr.org/scgrapeday>

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### **MANAGING THE SMALL VINEYARD I**

UC Davis

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

\$175, includes reference binder & lunch

Sponsor: UC Davis Extension

Contact: [www.extension.ucdavis.edu/winemaking](http://www.extension.ucdavis.edu/winemaking)

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### **Tulare World Ag Expo**

International Agri-Center, Tulare

(888) 999-9186; [www.farmshow.org](http://www.farmshow.org)

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### **2008 SACRAMENTO RIVER DISTRICT PEAR RESEARCH MEETING**

Walnut Grove Library

14177 N. Market St., Walnut Grove, CA

11:05 am – 12:35 pm

Sponsors: UC Cooperative Extension, California Pear Advisory Board, Pear Pest Management Research Fund

Contact: (916) 875-6913;

<http://cesacramento.ucdavis.edu>

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### **2008 ANNUAL CANEBERRY MEETING**

UC Cooperative Extension

1432 Freedom Blvd, Watsonville

7:30 am – Noon

Free

Sponsor: UC Cooperative Extension

Contact: Mark Bolda (831) 763-8040

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### **PESTICIDE SAFETY TRAINING for Pesticide Handlers – in Spanish**

Diablo Valley Farm Center, Knightsen

8-11 am

Sponsor: UCCE & Ag Dept.

Contact: 925-427-8610

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### **GOING ORGANIC WORKSHOP**

San Andreas

Crops – Organic System Plan Workshop

8:30 – 11:30 am

Livestock – Organic System Plan Workshop

1:30 – 4:30 pm

Sponsor: CCOF Foundation

Contact: Fred Thomas (530) 891-6958 or [fred@ccof.org](mailto:fred@ccof.org)

or [www.ccof.org/goingorganic.php](http://www.ccof.org/goingorganic.php)

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### **CALIFORNIA SMALL FARM CONFERENCE**

**The state's premier gathering of small farmers and those who support them**

Workshops for new farmers, Hmong-speaking farmers, Spanish-speaking farmers, farmers' market managers and experienced farmers

Visalia

Sponsors: USDA, UCCE, Great Valley Center & more

Contact: (888) 712-4188

[www.californiafarmconference.com](http://www.californiafarmconference.com)

(scholarships available)

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1:30 – 4:30 pm

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or [www.ccof.org/goingorganic.php](http://www.ccof.org/goingorganic.php)

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**THE CALIFORNIA TREE FRUIT AGREEMENT'S  
ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIUM**

Fresno

9:30 am – 5:00 pm

Sponsor: California Peach, Plum & Nectarine Industry

Contact: [www.eatcaliforniafruit.com](http://www.eatcaliforniafruit.com)

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**TRI-COUNTY WALNUT INSTITUTE**

UCCE

420 S. Wilson Way, Stockton

Sponsor: UC Cooperative Extension

Contact: Joe Grant, (209) 468-2085;  
<http://cesanjoaquin.ucdavis.edu>

MARCH

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**GOING ORGANIC WORKSHOP**

Crops – Organic System Plan Workshop

Modesto

1:30 – 4:30 pm

Sponsor: CCOF Foundation

Contact: Fred Thomas (530) 891-6958 or [fred@ccof.org](mailto:fred@ccof.org)  
or [www.ccof.org/goingorganic.php](http://www.ccof.org/goingorganic.php)

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**PESTICIDE SAFETY TRAINING  
for Pesticide Handlers – in Spanish**

Diablo Valley Farm Center, Knightsen

8-11 am

Sponsor: UCCE & Ag Dept.

Contact: 925-427-8610

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**RECENT ADVANCES IN VITICULTURE AND  
ENOLOGY (RAVE)**

UC Davis

8:30 am – 4:45 pm

Fee: \$220 includes lunch, sensory evaluation and  
one year membership in the Trellis Alliance

Sponsor: UC Davis Extension

Contact: [www.extension.ucdavis.edu/winemaking](http://www.extension.ucdavis.edu/winemaking)

APRIL

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**SENSORY EVALUATION SHORT COURSE**

UC Davis

Sponsor: UC Davis Extension

Contact: [www.extension.ucdavis.edu](http://www.extension.ucdavis.edu), (800) 752-0881

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**GOING ORGANIC WORKSHOP**

Placerville

Crops – Organic System Plan Workshop

1:30 – 4:30 pm

Sponsor: CCOF Foundation

Contact: Fred Thomas (530) 891-6958 or [fred@ccof.org](mailto:fred@ccof.org)  
or [www.ccof.org/goingorganic.php](http://www.ccof.org/goingorganic.php)

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**PESTICIDE SAFETY TRAINING  
for Field Workers – in Spanish**

Diablo Valley Farm Center, Knightsen

8-10 am

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**OLIVE OIL PRODUCTION SHORT COURSE**

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Contact: Judy Sams, [jmsams@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jmsams@ucdavis.edu)

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**VARIETY FOCUS: CABERNET SAUVIGNON**

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[www.extension.ucdavis.edu/winemaking](http://www.extension.ucdavis.edu/winemaking)



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**GOING ORGANIC WORKSHOP**

Crops – Organic System Plan Workshop

Napa

1:30 – 4:30 pm

Sponsor: CCOF Foundation

Contact: Fred Thomas (530) 891-6958 or [fred@ccof.org](mailto:fred@ccof.org)  
or [www.ccof.org/goingorganic.php](http://www.ccof.org/goingorganic.php)

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**PESTICIDE SAFETY TRAINING  
for Field Workers – in Spanish**

Diablo Valley Farm Center, Knightsen

8-10 am

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