

Contra Costa & Alameda Counties

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Technical Workshops and Conservation Partnership Annual Meeting & 2014 NRCS Farm Bill Update

Wednesday, July 31, 2013 4:00pm-7:00pm
Martinelli Event Center
3585 Greenville Road, Livermore, CA

Sponsored by the Alameda County Resource Conservation District & Natural Resources Conservation Service

Growers from both Alameda and Contra Costa Counties are invited to attend

Technical Workshops

4:00-5:00pm: Concurrent workshops -select one of the following:

Workshop 1: Organic Weed Management for Trees, Vines, Veggies and More. Join UC Farm Advisor Janet Caprile for an overview of weed management techniques for perennial and annual cropping systems that don't rely on synthetic herbicides or chemicals.

Workshop 2: Wildlife Friendly Ranching with ACRC staff biologist, Leslie Koenig and NRCS ecologist, Jackie Charbonneau. An introduction to wildlife-friendly fencing, off-stream water development and wildlife escape ramps. Session will also cover potential funding opportunities for managing livestock ponds for wildlife.

General Meeting

5:00pm: Local Producer Showcase Sample Alameda's bounty, including olive oil, fruit, wine, veggies and more while mingling with fellow farmers, ranchers and agricultural colleagues.

5:30pm: Dinner Load up your plate with delicious BBQ courtesy of the Alameda County Conservation Partnership and Board of Directors.

6:00pm: General Program and Updates

- Greeting from ACRC Executive Officer Katherine Boxer
- Introduction and funding for 2014 NRCS Farm Bill Conservation Programs
- Briefing on local agricultural news from Alameda County Ag Commissioner
- Upcoming events from the ACRC's beginning farmer and rancher program

7:00pm: Meeting Concludes

RSVPs Requested: To participate please **RSVP to Susan Ellsworth by Thursday, July 25** at susan.ellsworth@acrcd.org or 925-371-0154 ext. 103. Please specify if you will be attending the Technical Workshops, the General Meeting, or both.