

Contra Costa & Alameda Counties

CROP CURRENTS

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MEETINGS	
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PESTICIDE SAFETY & HEAT ILLNESS TRAINING in Spanish

Diablo Valley Farm Center
 Delta Road at 2nd Street, Knightsen, CA

Classes for Pesticide Handlers	
<p><i>Pesticide Handlers</i> are anyone who applies, mixes, loads, flags, or otherwise handles pesticides or application equipment containing residues. Employers must provide a pesticide safety training <u>every year</u> for their handlers before they begin work with pesticides. Each participant will receive an official Pesticide Safety Training Record.</p>	
Thursday, February 25 , 2016	
8:00-11:00 am	
Thursday, March 24 , 2016	
8:00-11:00 am	
<p>* Employees who use respirators should bring them for a maintenance demonstration (this is not a fit test).</p>	

Classes for Field Workers	
<p><i>Field Workers</i> are employees who work in fields or nurseries where pesticides have been applied but do not handle pesticides themselves. This would include those who prune, irrigate, thin, hand weed, harvest or any other cultural activity. Employers must provide a pesticide safety training <u>every 5 years</u> for their field workers. Each participant will receive a Worker Training Verification Card.</p>	
<p>April: To Be Determined</p>	
<p>June: To Be Determined</p>	

Sponsored by: University of California Cooperative Extension and Contra Costa County Agriculture Department

To register: Call the Ag Department office in Knightsen: 925-427-8610 or Sharon (in the mornings) at the UC Cooperative Extension office in Pleasant Hill: (925) 646-6540
 Please provide the names or number of attendees so we can prepare sufficient materials for all participants. The class is offered in Spanish only. It is FREE and open to all who wish to attend.

Cherry Self-Assessment Workshop

Tuesday, **February 16**
10:30am to 12:30, lunch to follow

Robert J. Cabral Agriculture Center
2101 East Earhart Ave, Stockton,

Sponsor: The California Cherry Board

The self-assessment workbook is a tool a cherry grower can use to document the practices and processes they are using in their orchards, learn about others that may improve their farming operations, and track changes over time. Use of the workbook can also deliver value to the California cherry industry as a whole by providing data summaries that document industry-wide good stewardship. Growers and PCAs will be given printed copies of the workbook and shown how to sign up for and use the Internet-based, on-line version. The workbook was put together by a committee of growers, packer/shippers, and University of California Farm Advisors under the guidance of the California Cherry Board. The project is funded by a California Department of Food and Agriculture Specialty Crop Block Grant to the California Cherry Board. *One hour of DPR Continuing Education Units requested*

For more information contact:

- Nick Matteis, California Cherry Board (916) 441-1064; nmatteis@agamsi.com;
- Cliff Ohmart, SureHarvest (530) 601-0740
cohmart@sureharvest.com

BALT Easement Seminar & Luncheon

Wednesday, **February 17**
11:30 am – 1 pm

CAPS Oak Street Bar & Grill
144 Oak Street, Brentwood, CA

You're invited to join the Brentwood Agricultural Land Trust (BALT) for an Easement Seminar & Luncheon. This informational gathering is for property owners and others interested in learning about agricultural conservation easements and new 2016 easement funding. Join us to learn about:

- Agricultural conservation easements and how they can fit into business and estate planning
- The new \$40 million California Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
- The City of Brentwood's agriculture enterprise program
- Getting started with a BALT conservation easement

While land owners and their representatives are the target audience for this informational event, we also encourage real estate and accounting professionals, public agency representatives and BALT supporters to attend.

RSVP by February 12

(online) www.brentwoodaglandtrust.org
(email) events@brentwoodaglandtrust.org
(Phone) 925.634.6738

Almond Orchard Grinding Demonstration

Tuesday, **February 16**
10 am – noon
Agriland Farming
20875 Avenue 24, Chowchilla, CA 93610

- 10:00 **Whole almond orchard recycling and the effect on second generation tree growth, soil carbon, and fertility**
Brent Holtz, UCCE Farm Advisor, San Joaquin Co
- 10:20 700 B Iron Wolf 'Slasher' Demo
Watch this 100,000 pound machine push, grind, and incorporate whole almond trees and discuss the process

Starting a SUCCESSFUL Specialty Food Business

CA Small Farm Conference Short Course

Sunday, March 6
8:30 am – 3:30 pm
Double Tree Hotel
2001 Point West Way

Fee: \$75 (includes lunch, snacks)
Pre-Registration required: <http://bit.ly/10TbCMc>

Full conference registration is NOT required to attend this short course

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North San Joaquin Valley Almond Day

Thursday, February 4
8:30 am to 12:00 noon
Modesto Center Plaza,
1000 L Street, Modesto, CA 95354

- 7:30 **Registration opens**
- 8:30 **Welcome & Introduction**
Roger Duncan, UCCE Stanislaus Co
- **Updates on Local Almond Production and Pest Management Field Trials**
 - - David Doll, UCCE Merced Co
Fumigation trials within replanted orchards in the presence of nematodes
 - Dr. Brent Holtz, UCCE San Joaquin Co
NOW and Scab efficacy trials, Orchard Recycling
 - Roger Duncan, UCCE Stanislaus Co
Topping young trees, using compost, rootstock evaluation, fumigating for Verticillium wilt.
 - **Understanding Almond Tree Growth to Maximize Production**
Dr. Ted DeJong, Professor, UC Davis Plant Sciences
 - **Yield Response to Water in Almonds**
Dr. Ken Shackel, Professor, UC Davis Plant Science
 - **Diagnosis and Management of Wood Canker Diseases**
Dr. Florent Trouillas, UC Kearney Ag Center
 - **Understanding and Managing Leaf Footed Bug**
Dr. Andrea Joyce, UC Merced
 - **Highlights of Recent Field Projects at the Nickels Estate, including self-fertile almonds, pollinizer combinations with Nonpareil, growing organically vs. conventionally, planting on berms vs. no berms and minimal pruning.**
Dr. Franz Niederholzer, UCCE; Sutter, Yuba & Colusa Cos

*1.5 hours of DPR continuing education credit pending
3.0 hours of CCA continuing education credit pending*

University of California Cooperative Extension
presents:

Quad-County Walnut Institute

in conjunction with:

Stockton Trade Show

Tuesday, March 15

San Joaquin County Fairgrounds
1658 S Airport Way, Stockton, CA 95206

- 8:00 **Coffee & registration**
- 8:30 **Choosing the right rootstock**
Joe Grant, UCCE San Joaquin Co
- **Should we prune young walnuts?**
Janet Caprile, UCCE Contra Costa Co
 - **Understanding Walnut Botryosphaeria/Phomopsis canker and blights**
Dr. Themis Michailides, UC Kearney Ag Center, Parlier
 - **Break to visits exhibits - 30 minutes**
 - **Salinity management for nut crops**
David Doll, UCCE Merced Co
 - **Managing navel orangeworm**
Kathy Anderson, UCCE Stanislaus Co
 - **A new beginning**
Dennis Balint, CEO/Executive Director, CA Walnut Board & CA Walnut Commission;
Michelle McNeil; Jennifer Olmstead;
and Carl Eidsath

Noon Adjourn – Visit exhibits

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Hope you find something of interest in this issue.

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