

November 2023

Upcoming Events for the Diablo Region Growing Community



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Attention Private Applicator Certificate holders

- **New federal licensing standards** by US EPA have resulted in changes to the California DPR licensing standards. If you are a **PAC cardholder**, you may **need to take the exam this year**. (Cardholders should have received a letter from the Agriculture Department.)
- To facilitate this, the Departments of Agriculture of **Alameda and Contra Costa counties** are hosting joint **exam preparation and testing events**.
- Any **PACs issued prior to October of 2022** will need to pass the new exam.
- In addition, if you plan to use **Aluminum Phosphide** in 2024, you **must pass an additional** Burrowing Vertebrate Pest Fumigation (**BVF**) **subcategory exam**.
- The PAC **study manual** is available for purchase through the [UC ANR website](#)
- A free digital Study Manual for BVF can be found at [this link](#).
- **Event locations and dates:**
 - **LIVERMORE** – November 2 (**TODAY**), Martinelli Center, [3575 Greenville Road](#)
 - **DUBLIN** – November 16, Alameda Co. Public Works, [4825 Gleason Drive](#)
 - **KNIGHTSEN** – December 6th – Farm Bureau, [3020 Second Street](#)
 - (Cardholders in either county can attend any event.)
- For **Info & Registration**, call or email:
 - for **Knightsen**, (925) 608-6600 or agcommissioner@ag.cccounty.us
 - for **Dublin** or **Livermore**, (510) 670-5232 or alameda.ag@acgov.org

PAC Event Schedule

9:00 -10:00 AM - PAC Exam Prep
10:00 AM -12:00 PM - PAC Exam
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM - Closed for lunch
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM – BVF Exam Prep
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM – BVF Exam



Winegrape growers:

Come and learn about the latest research

UC Davis Viticulture & Enology

On the Road

Nov. 9, 2023 • 9:00am - 1:30pm

Livermore, CA

Agenda overview:

- Irrigation management
- Fungal diseases in the vineyard
- Grapevine Red Blotch Disease
- Extraction in red wine fermentations
- Regional winegrape needs assessment

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2024 Agritourism Intensive Training

Register by Nov 17!

The **UC Agritourism Program** is holding the first ever statewide hybrid Agritourism Intensive training in Winter 2024.

The training provides participants with a comprehensive introduction to agritourism and a supportive network to explore diversification through the development or expansion of an agritourism enterprise.



Through presentations from experienced operators and professionals along with hands-on assignments, participants will understand their potential for agritourism and the risks. Participants will also connect with experienced and perspective agritourism operators in their region and throughout the state!

- During the course, participants will:
- complete an agritourism assessment
- begin developing a business plan
- complete a risk assessment checklist
- begin developing a marketing plan
- create a six-month action plan

This new hybrid format will feature six 2-hour zoom sessions followed by one regional in-person farm tours/networking events.

Course fee: \$50 (includes the [Agritourism and Nature Tourism in California handbook](#)).

Scholarships and reduced fees are available

Registration closes November 17th.

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