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COOPERATIVE EXTENSION BUDGET UPDATE

Last March I sent a letter telling you that the County had proposed to eliminate funding for Cooperative Extension. This would have meant that our office would close and all our programs would end. Thanks to the overwhelming show of support for Cooperative Extension, the Board of Supervisors voted to maintain full County funding through June 30th to allow them time to raise the funds to keep us operating beyond July 1st, the start of the new fiscal year.

The budget situation is still very dire. To date, the County has secured about half the funds needed to keep our doors open. They are hoping to raise the remaining half from the community – local municipalities, corporations, businesses, organizations, agencies, and individuals.

We hope you can help us. The goal is to raise a total of **\$150,000** for this fiscal year. And \$75,000 of this needs to be raised by September 30 which is just 4 short months from now!

First Fundraising Event: To kick off our fundraising campaign, Round Table Pizza has agreed to donate 15% of any purchase made with a *Sunday-Fund-Day coupon* (attached) on:

Sunday, June 28th

to the Friends of Contra Costa Cooperative Extension. The 16 participating Round Table restaurants are located throughout Central and East County and are listed on the back of the coupon.

Tell your friends, family and associates! The coupon can be copied or you can pick up additional coupons our office in Pleasant Hill or Knightsen. If you need a large quantity for distribution at your business, I would be happy to provide them – just let me know how many you need.

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If this first effort is well attended, Round Table has generously agreed to repeat it every Sunday during the entire summer. We encourage you to make every summer Sunday a pizza day beginning with June 28!

Tax-Deductible Donations: We also welcome all direct donations, no matter how small or large – every dollar counts. Your donation will provide us the time needed to find a long term solution for funding. Donations are tax deductible. Please include your current mailing address so we can send a Thank You letter with Tax Exemption Information for all donations over \$5.00.

Make checks payable to:

Friends of Contra Costa Cooperative Extension.

Include in the Memo Line:

For 4H/Cooperative Extension

Mail to:

UCCE- Contra Costa
Attention: FOCCCE
75 Santa Barbara Road, 2nd Floor
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523-4215

Thank you for your support!

CONSERVATION AID FOR ORGANIC AND TRANSITIONAL GROWERS

Conservation funding is available for organic and transitional farmers from a special EQIP program of the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Organic producers can receive up to \$20,000 per year or \$80,000 over six years through this initiative. Due to increased costs for some conservation practices related to organic operations, NRCS is increasing the standard payment rate up to 60 percent for some practices. Nationally, the Organic Initiative targets six core conservation practices: Conservation Crop Rotation, Cover Crop, Nutrient Management, Pest Management, Prescribed Grazing, and Forage Harvest Management. But there are more than a dozen other practices that can qualify for this initiative in California. A total of \$3 million in funding is available for California growers.

Organic producers may also apply for assistance under general EQIP, a larger universe of funding that involves more money and more conservation practices but also more competition.

The application deadline has been extended to **June 26th**. For more information contact Alysia Aquino at the Contra Costa County USDA Service Center: (925) 672-4577 Ex 102.

Pesticide Safety Training In Spanish

Diablo Valley Farm Center
Delta Rd at 2nd St., Knightsen

Class for Field Workers

Field workers are employees who work in fields, greenhouses or nurseries where pesticides have been applied but do not apply or handle pesticides themselves. Employers must provide a pesticide safety training every 5 years for their field workers.

Each participant will receive a Worker training Verification Card.

Thursday, June 18, 2009
8:00 – 10:00 am

Sponsored by:

Contra Costa Cooperative Extension
Contra Costa Agriculture Dept.

To Register:

Call the Cooperative extension office in Pleasant Hill 925-646-6540 and let us know how many plan to attend so we can provide sufficient materials for all participants. The class is FREE and open to all who wish to attend.

Spray Technology & Calibration Field Meeting

Thursday, June 18
8:30 am - 12:30 pm

McCormack Hansen Ranch
14630 Race Track Rd.
Walnut Grove, CA

FREE

Agenda:

Basic calibration demo & calculations:
How to use the Universal Formula
Green up your sprayer
Herbicide calibration and choices
Air blast sprayer calibration
Recent non-compliance issues related to spraying
Tower sprayer vs. conventional air blast sprayer:
Spray coverage & field use

Sponsors:

UC Cooperative Extension- Sacramento Co.
Sacramento Co. Ag Dept.
CA Pear Advisory Board

4 hours **Continuing Education Credit** for:
PCA, CCA, Private Applicators

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PESTICIDE SAFETY TRAINING for FIELDWORKERS

(in Spanish)

Diablo Valley Farm Center, Knightsen

8:00 – 10:00 am

FREE

Sponsors: Contra Costa Coop. Extension & Ag Dept.

Contact: Cooperative Extension 925-646-6540

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SPRAY TECHNOLOGY & CALIBRATION FIELD MEETING

McCormach Hansen Ranch

14630 Race Track Rd, Walnut Grove

8:00 am – 12:30 pm

FREE

Sponsors: Sacramento Co. Cooperative Extension & Ag Dept, Pear Advisory Board

Credits: 4 hours for PCA, CCA, Private Applicators

Contact: 916-875-6913 or caingels@ucdavis.edu

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BEYOND EXTRA VIRGIN

An international Conference on Excellence in Olive Oil
UC Davis & Napa

Fee: \$495

Sponsors: UC Davis Olive Center & Culinary Institute of America and many more

Contact: (530)754-9301, www.olivecenter.ucdavis.edu

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WINEGRAPE IRRIGATION

Robert Mondavis Institute for Food & Wine, UC Davis

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Fee: \$210

Sponsors: UC Cooperative Extension & UC Davis

Contact: (800) 752-0881, www.extension.ucdavis.edu

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STONEFRUIT VARIETY SERIES

Kearney Ag Center

9240 S. Riverbend Ave, Parlier, CA 93648

8 am Variety Display 9-10 am Research Update:

Mechanical Blossom Thinning, Rootstocks, Water management, Pedestrian orchards, Fruit Quality

FREE

Sponsor: UC Coop. Extension & Kearney Ag Center

Contact: Scott Johnson (559)646-6547

JULY

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RECENT ADVANCES IN GRAPEVINE CANOPY MANAGEMENT

An International Symposium in Honor of Dr. Mark Kliewer
Freeborn Hall, UC Davis

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Fee: \$250-300

Sponsor: UC Davis

Contact: <http://conferences.ucdavis.edu/canopymgt2009>

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WEED DAY

An annual event for PCAs, advisors & chemical company cooperators, students, regulators to learn about current weed science research at UC Davis

Buehler Alumni Center, UC Davis

All day

Fee: \$50-75 (incl. lunch) \$15 students

Sponsors: UC Cooperative Extension Weed Research & Information Center

Contact: <http://wric.ucdavis.edu/education/weedday09.html>

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AUGUST

10-11

WINEGRAPES VARIETIES: IDENTIFICATION & USE

UC Davis

8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Fee: \$395 (includes materials & 2 lunches)

Sponsor: UC Davis Dept of Viticulture

Contact: (800) 752-0881, www.extension.ucdavis.edu

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GRAPE ROOTSTOCK: IDENTIFICATION & USE

UC Davis

8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Fee: \$210 (includes materials & lunch)

Sponsor: UC Davis Dept of Viticulture

Contact: (800) 752-0881, www.extension.ucdavis.edu

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SEPTEMBER

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UNDERSTANDING HEIRLOOM TOMATOES

UC Davis

1:00 – 5:00 pm

Fee: \$65-75

Sponsor: Robert Mondavi Institute for Food & Wine *Contact:* (530) 754-6349, khiolle@ucdavis.edu



Sunday Fund-Day

Round Table Pizza +
4-H and other **Cooperative Extension** programs = \$\$\$\$\$

Present this coupon when ordering & Round Table will donate
15% of your total purchase to:

Friends of Contra Costa County
Cooperative Extension

11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 28, 2009

offer Valid Only at:
Participating Restaurants
See the back of this flyer

Thanks for your Support!
Excluding coupons & sales tax
Good for dine-in, delivery & carry-out



Participating Restaurants

Antioch Round Table Pizza
(925)754-5747
2509 Somersville Road
Antioch, CA 94509

Bay Point Round Table Pizza
(925)458-2244
408 Bailey Road
Pittsburg, CA 94565

Brentwood Round Table Pizza
(925)240-8778
2540 Sand Creek Road
Brentwood, CA 94513

Concord Round Table Pizza
(925)676-1818
2960 Treat Blvd.
Concord, CA 94518

Crow Canyon Round Table Pizza
(925)866-1331
3203 Crow Canyon Place
San Ramon, CA 94583

Danville Round Table Pizza
(925)820-3030
105 Town and Country Drive #A
Danville, CA 94526

Deer Valley Round Table Pizza
(925)776-7777
4504 Deer Valley Road
Antioch, CA 94531

Dublin Round Table Pizza
(925)828-6680
7841 Amador Valley Blvd.
Dublin, CA 94568

Oakley Round Table Pizza
(925)625-1700
2190 Main Street, Suite C
Oakley, CA 94561

Pittsburg Round Table Pizza
(925)432-1000
1331 Buchanan Road
Pittsburg, CA 94565

Pleasant Hill Round Table Pizza
(925)930-9004
1938 Oak Park Blvd.
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Port Chicago Round Table Pizza
(925)825-1993
3375 Port Chicago Hwy Ste #57
Concord, CA 94520

Market Place Round Table Pizza
(925)867-1606
450 Market Place
San Ramon, CA 94583

Martinez Round Table Pizza
(925)370-0626
504 Center Avenue
Martinez, CA 94553

Virginia Hills Round Table Pizza
(925)934-6996
6648 Alhambra Ave.
Martinez, CA 94553

Walnut Creek Round Table Pizza
(Delivery and Carryout only)
(925)945-7878
1776 N. Broadway
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

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