

UCCE Central Sierra Newsletter & Announcements | February 2022

Serving Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado and Tuolumne Counties



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Greetings from UCCE Central Sierra!

Finally, we got some moisture! Whether you got rain, hail, or snow, I am sure you were as happy to see it as I was. While it feels like spring is quickly approaching, here's to hoping for a little more precipitation to help ease the drought we are in. The UCCE Master Gardeners and UC Master Food Preservers have started their new volunteer trainings and we look forward to adding many new faces to these programs. We have several employment opportunities available here in the Central Sierra, please take a moment to share them with family and friends that might be interested. We also have a variety of online and in-person classes, field days, and plant sales coming up soon, so read on, I am sure you will find something to spark your interest! Please take care and stay healthy.

Sincerely,
JoLynn Miller

UCCE Central Sierra Employment Opportunities

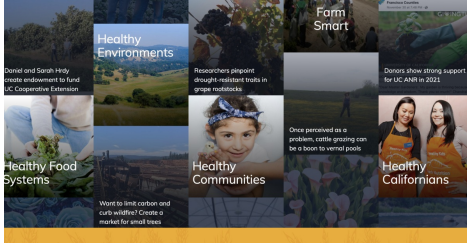
Multi-County Partnership Seeks Woody Biomass and Forest Products Advisor

The University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR), a statewide program with local development and delivery, is seeking a UC Cooperative Extension (UCCE) Woody Biomass and Forest Products Advisor. The position, based in Tuolumne County, will implement an innovative extension education and applied research program around the integration of vegetation management efforts, use of forest products, and community resilience.

[More Information](#)



**UCCE Central Sierra Local
Employment Opportunities**



UC ANR to Hire Three Scientists to Serve Central Sierra

Residents of the Central Sierra will soon be seeing benefits from California's historic investment in the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources.

[Read more](http://www.ledger.news)
www.ledger.news

The University of California Cooperative Extension of Central Sierra is hiring a Community Nutrition and Health Advisor, 4-H Community Education Specialists, UC CalFresh Community Education Specialists...

[Read more](http://cecentralsierra.ucanr.edu)
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UCCE Central Sierra Agriculture

The Central Sierra foothill region produces a wide variety of agriculture commodities. The University of California brings research and outreach to area farms to assist with growing and cultural practices, pest and disease management, and more!

Staff Spotlight: [Lynn Wunderlich, Farm Advisor - Viticulture & Pomology](#)

Department of Pesticide Regulation Alliance Grants Informational Workshop

February 3, 2022 | 10:00-11:00AM

The 2022 Alliance Grants Program has enhanced funding of \$1.8 million to award eligible projects that align with the state's goal of transitioning to system-wide adoption of sustainable pest management.

The Department of Pesticide Regulation's (DPR's) Alliance Grants Program annually awards funding for projects that promote or increase the implementation, expansion, and/or adoption of effective and proven integrated pest management (IPM) systems or practices that reduce public health and environmental risks in agricultural, wildland, or urban settings.

[Click for More Info and Zoom Link](#)



UC Statewide IPM Program
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Amador County Rangeland Soil Health Project Update

By Amador County Resource Conservation District and University of California Cooperative Extension

Rangeland covers more than half of California's land mass and provide a multitude of beneficial uses, including open space, livestock grazing and wildlife habitat.

This report summarizes the second year of data studying the effects of a one-time application of compost to annual rangelands. Applying compost to rangelands can provide





multiple forage and soil benefits and can be an important way to divert organic waste from landfills, reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change, and benefit local ranchers by increasing forage productivity and forage quality.



Airblast 2022: **Spray Application and Modeling Conference**

May 16 - 18, 2022
8 am-3 pm Pacific Time Each Day
Virtual via Zoom

SAVE THE DATES

Objectives/Goals: A 3-day conference covering airblast pesticide spray application practices in orchards and vineyards, decision support tools for planning and evaluating spray applications, and drift modeling support for pesticide regulatory practices. Participants will gain a holistic view to better understand ongoing partnerships between academia, industry, and the regulatory community towards better stewardship of pesticides.

This conference will focus on:

Day 1: General airblast spray application practice and equipment, and emerging technology.

Day 2: Modeling and decision support systems for improving spray deposition and efficacy.

Day 3: Pesticide drift modeling and data support for regulatory processes.

Who Should Attend: Anyone interested in or directly involved with tree and vine spray application practice, planning, supervision, advising, regulation, and/or advocacy.

Requirements: You will need a laptop/desktop computer (PC or Mac) or a mobile device and a stable internet connection in order to participate in this conference.

Continuing Education Units: about 17 CEUs (**2.00 'Law'** & **15 'Other'**) to be applied for from California Department of Pesticide Regulation (CDPR).

Registration: [Information coming soon!](#)

Contacts for More Information

Logistics and Registration: [ANR Program Support](#)

Program: [Peter Ako Larbi](#), UC Cooperative Extension Specialist

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UCCE Central Sierra Forestry

Forests and woodlands in the Central Sierra Nevada are beautiful, extensive, diverse and owned by both public and private landowners. Active management is needed to reduce forest density and to help forests recover after wildfire. The goal of the Central Sierra forestry program is to empower landowners to overcome these challenges.

Staff Spotlight: [Susie Kocher, Forestry/Natural Resources Advisor](#)





Forestry Taxes: Learn, Play, and Save Money

February 1, 2022 | 10:00AM

Timber Management Expenses and Deductions

February 8, 2022 | 10:00AM

Keeping More of Your Timber Income Following a Timber Sale

February 15, 2022 | 10:00AM

Coping With Losses from Nature and Chance

[Click for More Information/to Register](#)



Forest Stewardship Education Program: [Assessing Post-Fire Tree Mortality](#)



The Forest Stewardship Education Program has posted a follow-up workshop recording on assessing post-fire tree mortality in conifers, oak woodlands and redwoods. Presentations include: “Assessing post-fire tree mortality in conifers” with Danny Cluck, Entomologist, US Forest Service; “Assessing post-fire tree mortality in oak woodlands and redwoods” with Mike Jones, UCCE Forestry and Natural Resources Advisor – Mendocino, Lake and Sonoma Counties; and “Post-fire restoration next steps” with Ryan Tompkins, UCCE Forestry and Natural Resources Advisor –Plumas, Sierra and Lassen Counties.

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The Forest Stewardship Education Initiative is a CAL FIRE funded contract (8CA04547), awarded July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024, to Susie Kocher, RPF#2874, University of California Cooperative Extension, to help landowners develop forest management plans.



Save the Date!

Register now for a California Forest Stewardship Workshop

Online beginning March 15, 2022 – May 10, 2022 and in-person Saturday, April 2nd, Placer or Nevada County

Join the workshop to understand and protect your forests by developing a Forest Management Plan. Topics include:

- Forest management objectives and planning
- Forest health, insects and disease
- Forest and fire ecology, wildlife, watersheds
- Fuels reduction and forest resource marketing
- Mapping, inventory and silviculture
- Project development & permitting
- Getting professional help and cost-share opportunities

Participants will utilize online resources on their own time to complete learning modules and short activities. Zoom meetings with all participants and presenters will take place once a week on Tuesdays, 6-7:30pm. The in-person field day will cover silviculture, forest inventory and mapping activities. Participants who complete the workshop will be **eligible for a free site visit** with a California Registered Professional Forester.

Registration for the workshop is \$60. Sign up now at:

<http://ucanr.edu/forestryworkshops/>

For questions, contact Kim Ingram, kcingram@ucanr.edu.

UC Master Food Preservers of Central Sierra

The UCCE Master Food Preserver program trains dedicated volunteers to assist the county UC Cooperative Extension staff provide up-to-date food preservation information. Our current program is active in El Dorado, Amador, Tuolumne, and Calaveras counties.

Staff Spotlight: [Sue Mosbacher](#), UCCE Master Food Preserver Program Coordinator



[Questions About Food Preservation?](#)

Ask a UC Master Food Preserver online, any

Ask a UC Master Food Preserver Central Sierra

time!
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and free class schedules delivered to your
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[Amador / Calaveras County Website](#)



[El Dorado County Website](#)



Ask a UC Master Food Preserver: Live! February 2, 2022 | 6:30PM - 7:30PM

Did you know not all varieties of bleach disinfect? We will help you buy the right bleach products for disinfecting and sanitizing your work surfaces. We'll also share tips on using your preserved citrus products and some ideas for Valentines Day, sweet and savory. Best of all you, will have an opportunity to ask questions about your own preserving projects.

[Click Here to Register](#)

UCCE Central Sierra Community Nutrition

Through the CalFresh Healthy Living (CFHL) UCCE Central Sierra program, we teach free classes in local schools, community centers, libraries, and other public locations. Our classes show people how to choose, grow, cook, and enjoy affordable healthy foods, and how to make physical activity a regular and fun part of life. We also work to create environments where it's easier for people to make healthy choices, by supporting school wellness policies, community and school gardens, walking clubs, and more.



Staff Spotlight: [Carmela Padilla, Program Supervisor II, CFHL UCCE Central Sierra](#)



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Harvest of the Month: Spinach

Spinach is an excellent source of vitamin K, vitamin A and folate. Like most vegetables, spinach is low in calories, fat free, and a good source of fiber. Spinach is available year-round. At the market, spinach can be found in the fresh produce section of the market in bunches or bags. Spinach can be found frozen and canned. Spinach can be eaten raw in a salad or sandwich in place of lettuce. It can also be cooked as a side dish, or mixed with other foods as part of a main course. This [Spinach & Citrus Salad](#) is a great way to get your veggies!



**SUBSCRIBE TO THE UCCE CENTRAL
SIERRA "NUTRITION NEWSLETTER"**

Join the Central Sierra "Nutrition News" email list to receive information about community resources in your area, the harvest of the month, and more!



UCCE Master Gardeners of Central Sierra

UCCE Master Gardeners are community members who have been trained under the direction of the University of California Cooperative Extension. Each volunteer has completed more than 50 hours of formal classroom training to provide practical scientific gardening information to the home gardeners.

Staff Spotlight: Tracy Celio, Community Education Specialist II, Amador/El Dorado

**Questions about your home garden or landscape?
Interested in upcoming classes and events?**

Visit the UCCE Central Sierra Master Gardeners Websites



UCCE Master Gardeners are available to answer your questions!

Mark your calendars for Spring Plant Sales!



Saturday, April 16, 2022

8:00AM - 2:00PM

Edible Plants

*Sherwood Demonstration Garden
Placerville, CA*



Saturday, April 30, 2022

8:00AM - 2:00PM

Ornamental Plants

*Sherwood Demonstration Garden
Placerville, CA*



Saturday, May 7, 2022

9:00AM - 3:00PM

All Plants

*ACRA Community Garden
Jackson, CA*



**UCCE Master Gardeners of Tuolumne County: Polystyrene
Collection Days**

February 5, 2022 | 9am - 4pm & February 6, 2022 | 10am - 2pm

UCCE Central Sierra 4-H Youth Development Program

The 4-H Youth Development Program offers educational opportunities for children, teens, families, and adults. 4-H helps young people to reach their full potential as competent, confident, leaders of character who contribute and are connected to their communities.

Staff Spotlight: Vera M. Bullard, UC 4-H Supervisor I Central Sierra



4-H Shooting Sports Workshop - Rifle Discipline

Saturday, March 19, 2022 | 8:00AM – 6:00PM

Sunday, March 20, 2022 | 8:00AM – 4:00PM



This 4-H shooting sports workshop will certify adult volunteers as rifle trainers who can lead a rifle project at the club level or serve as county trainers to certify other leaders. The class will be held at the Sacramento Valley Shooting Center (SVSC), 15501 Meiss Road, Sloughouse, CA.

www.sacvalley.org

Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Teen leaders are invited but must attend with an adult, or have a certified shooting sports adult leader they will be helping back in their

home county. There is no fee for the course and equipment will be provided. Participants should bring their own eye and ear protection. [Click Here to Register](#)

For shooting sports information, please contact John Borba at jaborba@ucanr.edu.

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FARM PPE

FARM ANIMAL RISK MITIGATION: Prepare, Plan, Evaluate

January 4th, 2022 – March 1st, 2022

Tuesday Evenings

5:30-6:30 PM PST/ 6:30-7:30 PM MT

Info: <https://farmppe.netlify.app/>

Click [HERE](#) to Register

For more information, email: pireslab@ucdavis.edu



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It's never too late to join 4-H!

Visit the UCCE Central Sierra 4-H Website



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Have questions about 4-H? Contact centralsierra4h@ucanr.edu

4-H Youth Development Program



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UC ANR [Coronavirus and COVID-19](#)



California is reopening all activities statewide, but it is important to remember that the pandemic is not over and COVID-19 remains a health threat. As we plan and implement a return to in-

person ANR programs, we should stay informed about COVID-19 trends statewide and in our communities. Here are a few resources from the CDPH and other trusted sources.

- [Public Health Order](#)
- [Beyond the Blueprint](#)
- [Tracking COVID-19 in California](#)
- [COVID-19 Dashboards and Data](#)
- [Get Local Information](#)
- [COVID-19 Case Map](#)

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