

Upcoming Events

Nov 20 Tree crops IPM review, 1 PM UCCE office Yuba City

Dec 4 Nickels Soil Lab Fundraiser Dinner, 5 PM, Arbuckle Golf Course

Review of 2025 IPM Season

UCCE and UC IPM will host a two-hour meeting to review pest management challenges and successes in the 2025 season. What worked? What didn't?

UC Advisors Sudan Gyawaly and Franz Niederholzer will host the meeting to be held at the Ag Building in Yuba City at 142 Garden Highway. CE units have been requested.



Nickels Soil Lab Fundraiser Dinner Set

December 4, 2025; Arbuckle Golf Course

The Leslie J. Nickels Testamentary Trust (the Trust) was established in 1961 through the bequest of L.J. Nickels, a local farmer. He donated his property to establish The Trust to support local agriculture through research projects with a specific focus on novel approaches/ideas.

The Leslie J. Nickels Testamentary Trust (the Trust) owns and operates the Nickels Soil Lab (NSL), a 160-acre commercial farm southwest of Arbuckle, Colusa County, California. The

NSL operates in cooperation with the University of California and the Colusa County Water District. The Trust hosts the University of California and U.S. Department of Agriculture commercial scale research projects in almond, walnut, and olive production under an MOU with University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (ucanr.edu).

Over the past 50 years, research conducted at the NSL has significantly contributed to the development of modern nut crop orchard production practices; improving crop production per acre, grower income, full time job opportunities, local economies, and efficient use of water and fertilizers.

Largely funded by crop sales, the Nickels Trust has faced rising economic challenges in recent years. Several fundraisers in 2022-23 (Thank you, supporters!) kept Nickels in operation and a large, one-time state donation will help keep Nickels going into 2026. However, while the 2025 almond crop looks solid, costs are still high, and nut prices are volatile.

Please come out to celebrate the end of the 2025 growing season and support the Nickels Soil Lab. The fundraiser is organized and managed by JCS Marketing, Inc., publisher of *West Coast Nut* magazine. As advocates for California agriculture and its future, the organization supports the research and grower education provided by Nickels Soil Lab.

The Nickels Soil Lab Fundraiser Dinner will be held December 4, 2025, starting at 5 PM, at the Arbuckle Golf Club in Arbuckle, CA, featuring dinner, an auction, and entertainment by comedian Patrick McDermott to support agricultural research in California's Sacramento Valley.

Event details, including ticketing, venue information, and the dinner program, are available at: <https://myaglife.com/fundraiser/>

The Nickels Trust is a registered 501c3 charity and all donations are tax exempt to the full extent of the law.