

2018 Avocado Production Course for New Growers



New California avocado growers, or those interested in learning more about avocado production best practices, are encouraged to register for a new course entitled, “Avocado Production for New Growers.” Dr. Gary Bender, UC Cooperative Extension (UCCE) Farm Advisor Emeritus and Sonia Rios, UCCE Farm Advisor will teach the course. The course consists of six, two hour, weekly classes and a field trip to the UCCE High Density Trial Grove and a commercial avocado grove located in Valley Center, CA.

The fee for the course is **\$150.00** per person, and includes the *Avocado Production in California* (books 1 and 2), and the ANR Publication *Propagating Avocados*.

Below is a list of topics that will be covered during the six classes:

- Introduction to Agriculture in San Diego County, History of Avocado Production in California
- Botany, Flowering, Varieties, Harvest Dates, Rootstocks
- Irrigation Systems, Irrigation Scheduling, Salinity Management
- Fertilization, Organic Production, Economics
- Insect and Mite Control, Disease Control, and weed control
- Canopy Management, Tree Spacing, Frost Management
- Field trip to High Density Trial grove and a commercial grove, Valley Center CA

The course begins **August 23, 2018** with sessions running from 2:00 - 4:00 pm at the San Diego County Farm Bureau, 420 S Broadway, Escondido, CA 92025.

Space is limited, register online early at:

<http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=25211>

For more information, contact: UCCE San Diego Office 858-822-7711

Final course schedule will be out soon.

