



UCCE Colusa County Program Updates

May 2026

Rice Report (Sarah Marsh Janish) **UCCE Rice Advisor – Colusa & Yolo Counties**

We will be conducting interviews for the Vegetable Crops Advisor position serving Colusa, Sutter, Yuba, Glenn, and Butte Counties. This position will be based out of the UCCE Colusa office.

You are cordially invited to attend the seminar portion, which will be held in person on **Thursday, May 28, 2026 at the Colusa Industrial Properties Conference Room (100 Sunrise Blvd, Colusa, CA)**. For this seminar, the candidates have been asked to prepare a 20-minute presentation, the topic of which we will share before they begin. After the presentation, attendees will have the opportunity to ask the candidate questions related to the presentation topic.

Candidates and the times of their seminars are:

8:00 am: Usha Panta

10:30 am: Mandeep Tayal

1:30 pm: Rajesh Valvilapalli

During the seminar, we will share an evaluation form for you as a stakeholder to provide feedback about the candidate's presentation, which the committee will review as part of the assessment process.

4-H Program (Mary Zoller) **UCCE 4-H Regional Program Coordinator, Region 3 (Shasta, Trinity, Tehama, Butte, Glenn, Colusa, Sutter, Yuba) Based at UCCE Colusa Office**

Members of Colusa County 4-H are wrapping up their projects and preparing to showcase months of hard work, learning, and dedication at the Colusa County Fair beginning Tuesday, June 9th through Saturday, June 13th.

Throughout the year, youth participants have developed valuable life skills through hands-on projects ranging from livestock and agriculture to arts, leadership, and community service. The fair provides an exciting opportunity for members to share their accomplishments with the community and celebrate the results of their efforts.

Community members are encouraged to attend the fair, support local youth, and experience the outstanding projects and exhibits created by Colusa County 4-H members.



Orchards Report (Franz Niederholzer)

UCCE Orchards Advisor, Colusa and Sutter/Yuba Counties

NICKELS SOIL LAB ANNUAL FIELD DAY

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

6521 Greenbay Road, Arbuckle, CA

1 hrs (O) PCA CE credit hours approved

2 hrs CCA CE hours approved (0.5 hr Nutrient Man, 0.5 hr Crop Man, 1.0 hr IPM).

8:30 am — Registration

Coffee and Donuts provided by **Farm Credit Services of Colusa-Glenn, ACA**

Cycle I: 9:20-10:45 am

- 1) 11 years of yield comparison: Independence & Nonpareil/pollinizers**
Franz Niederholzer, Orchards Advisor, UCCE Colusa and Sutter/Yuba Counties
- 2) Advances in table olive harvesting**
Becky Wheeler-Dykes, UCCE Orchards Advisor, Glenn, Colusa, and Tehama Counties
Minmin Wong, Project Scientist, Plant Sciences Department, UC Davis
- 3) Protecting young trees from herbicide-induced trunk injury: recent research**
Ryan Hill, UCCE Agronomy and Weeds Advisor, Tehama, Glenn, and Shasta Counties
- 4) Updates on almond Red Leaf Blotch epidemiology and management**
Renaud Travadon, Project Scientist, Department of Plant Pathology, UC Davis

Cycle II: 10:45 am -12:10 pm

- 5) Understanding orchard variability: Making the most per acre**
Patrick Brown, Distinguished Professor, Plant Sciences Department, UC Davis
- 6) Root Cause Analytics - A practical tool for managing orchard variability and maximizing ROI**
Dan Rooney, CEO LandScan, LLC
- 7) Leaffooted plant bug monitoring tools**
Sudan Gyawaly, UC IPM Advisor, Sacramento Valley
- 8) Walnut rootstock update and availability of test plants**
Andreas Westphal, Professor, Nematology Department, UC Riverside

12:15 pm – **BBQ Tri-Tip Lunch** (Pierce H.S. FFA fundraiser)

Lunch Speaker

South Colusa/North Yolo (SCNY) Recharge Coalition

Mr. Jordon Navarrot

Deputy Manager, Reclamation District 108

General Manager, Dunnigan Irrigation District



Agronomy Report (Sarah Light)

UCCE Agronomy Advisor, Sutter/Yuba, and Colusa Counties

Field Day: IPM Weed Management Strategies in Row Crops

June 11, 2026 in Meridian

Registration: 8:30 am

Program: 9:00 to 11:30 am

CDPR CEU pending

Agenda coming soon

Contact Sarah Light, selight@ucanr.edu for agenda and field location

Master Gardener and Community Outreach Coordinator

The Master Gardeners were busy during the month of April. They participated in the CCOE Family Fair, and the event was so well attended they ran out of their succulent project in the first few hours! What a great community outreach event for all involved. The group has also been busy in their demonstration garden planting new vegetables and flowers. When it is harvest time, they will share their vegetables with CCOE.

Irrigation and Water Resources Program (Curt Pierce)

UCCE Area Irrigation & Water Resources Advisor

Nothing to report

Dairy Report (Betsy Karle)

UCCE Dairy Advisor, based in Glenn County

Nothing to report
