

University of California Cooperative Extension, Glenn County
Activities
May 2008

Tree Crops - Bill Krueger. The 31st annual Nickel's Field Day which highlight ongoing research on almonds, walnuts and olives, will be held at the Nickel's Estate in Arbuckle Thursday, May 8th, starting at 8:30 a.m. with registration and concluding at 12:15 with lunch. For more information, contact our office at 865-1107.

The frost event, which occurred on the morning of April 20, was the latest I have seen in 28 years in the county. The list of damaged commodities and the extent of the damage has continued to expand as time passes. Our local CIMIS station located between County Road 25 and 27 and between County Roads N and P recorded a low temperature of 29 degrees and was below freezing for 3 hours. I have heard reports of temperatures as low as 24 near the river. The list of damaged crops includes blueberries, walnuts, prunes, almonds, olives and citrus. The most severely damaged crops appear to be blueberries, walnuts and prunes with complete crop losses in some areas. Generally speaking, the areas of greatest damage appear to be in low lying areas or near the Sacramento River. The most severely damaged walnuts are young later-leafing varieties such as Chandler and Howard in low lying areas. Initially, almonds appeared to have escaped with relatively little damage. Recently damage is becoming apparent. In some colder areas or where water was not used for frost protection, a heavy drop (80 to 90%) is occurring on varieties such as Carmel and Butte. This is due to different varietal frost susceptibility.

Agronomic Crops - Doug Munier. Wheat stripe rust disease in general has been very light in the northern Sacramento Valley this year. Our stripe rust disease trial is in a Summit (susceptible variety) field in the Butte City area. By late last week, the untreated plots had 90% of the leaf area destroyed by stripe rust. The tank-mixed fungicides/nitrogen look good.

The UC Davis Annual Small Grains Field Day is Wednesday, May 14th. It is at the UC Davis school farm from 8:30 a.m. through lunch. For more information, search on the internet for UC Small Farms Field Day or contact Doug at 865-1107.

The cotton acreage is all planted, but is off to a slow start with all of the cool weather in April. It is one of the field crops whose price has not risen very much over the last two years. There is still a huge world carryover of previous year's production.

4-H - Deanna Rogers. Many of the 4-H members are getting their animals and still exhibits ready for the fair. This Saturday, May 10th, all still exhibits are received at the fairgrounds. Glenn County 4-H is in charge of the task of receiving entries for all junior exhibitors.

All market animals will go through an ultrasound and an official weigh-in process Monday and Tuesday of the fair week. Wednesday evening is the day for swine and

goat show. The beef and sheep show is Thursday evening with the dairy show being held Friday. Additionally, there will be shows for rabbits, avian, cavies, dogs, pygmy goats and horses.

Don't miss the Jr. Livestock Auction at noon on Saturday, May 17th. Make sure you visit the exhibitor buildings and look for all of the 4-H members' still exhibits.

Our annual summer camp is scheduled for June 19th - 22nd. We will have many outdoor educational sessions for the campers to participate in. There are several campers that will be attending camp on a campership that is provided by the Glenn County 4-H Council. All donations of food, especially fruit, vegetables, meat, etc. are very much appreciated.

Dairy - Betsy Karle. A free workshop to assist dairy producers with the water quality annual report that is due July 1 will be held Monday, May 12, from 10:00-12:00 at the Carnegie Center in Orland. Producers should have taken samples for nutrient management by now and started working on maps and reports for the July 1 deadline. Betsy Karle is available to answer questions about how to complete reports and what needs to be submitted. You can contact her by calling 865-1107.