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Prune Pest Management
Short Course

Prune Pest and Orchard Management Short Course
Glenn County Meeting
Wednesday, June 4, 2003
Kountry Kitchen Restaurant - Orland

In late May and early June the University of California Farm Advisors, who have been conducting the research on the Integrated Prune Farming Practices (IPFP) program, are providing a "University of California Cooperative Extension Prune Pest and Orchard Management Short Course." The course, which will be offered in six locations around California, is designed to provide instruction on pest, nutrient and irrigation monitoring techniques that have been researched over many years. Meeting attendees will learn how they can monitor for key pests and make wise plant nutrition and irrigation scheduling decisions which will either save or make them money in dried plum production. See the attached agenda for topics covered.

The dates and locations are:

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<td>(530)666-8143</td>
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<td>(530)822-7515</td>
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The short course is being offered for $25.00 per pre-registered attendee. Note: Registration at the door will be $35.00, space available.

Course Materials provided include:
- Free record-keeping and single site pesticide use reporting software
- 16x hand lens
- 5-6 hours of PCA or private applicator credit hours, including one hour of Laws and Regulations education.
- Laminated orchard pest identification cards
- Lunch

Note: The materials offered at these meetings will not be offered at the same price elsewhere.

Cooperative Extension Work in Agriculture and Home Economics, U.S. Department of Agriculture, University of California and County of Glenn Cooperating
Prune Pest and Orchard Management Short Course
Glenn County Meeting
Wednesday, June 4, 2003
Kountry Kitchen Restaurant, Orland

7:30 a.m. **Registration** - Pick Up Integrated Prune Practices Decision Guide Binder

8:00 a.m. **Introduction**
*Bill Krueger, UCCE Farm Advisor, Glenn County*

*How Laws & Regulations Relate to Water Quality and Pest Monitoring*
*Bill Duckworth, Glenn County Agricultural Commissioner’s Office*

*How the EQIP Program Can Help Growers Adopt Monitoring Techniques*
*Larry Branham, NRCS*

*Overview of the Integrated Prune Farming Practices (IPFP) Program & Water Stewardship Research & Demonstration Project (WSRD)*
*Gary Obenauf, Agricultural Research Consulting*

*Possible Dormant Spray Restrictions & How Pest Monitoring Can Help*
*Bob Elliot, Department of Pesticide Regulations*

*Pest Monitoring Record Keeping & Single Site Pesticide Use Reporting Software Demonstration*
*Jed Walton, UCCE Post Graduate Researcher, Butte County*

Break

**Pest, Nutrition, Irrigation Monitoring Techniques Described:**

- **Aphid Life Cycle**
- **Dormant Spur Monitoring to Detect Scale & Aphid Eggs**
- **Using the Dormant Treatment Decision Guide**
  *Bill Olson, UCCE Farm Advisor, Butte County*
- **Using San Jose Scale & Peach Twig Borer Traps**
  *Carolyn Pickel, UCCE Area Farm Advisor, Sutter/Yuba Counties*
- **10 Minute Search For Mites**
  *Wilbur Reil, UCCE Farm Advisor, Yolo County*
- **Monitoring for Prune Rust**
  *Richard Buchner, UCCE Farm Advisor, Tehama County*
- **Leaf Tissue Sampling & the Nitrogen Budget For Making Fertilization Decision**
  *Bill Krueger, UCCE Farm Advisor, Glenn County*
  *Franz Niederholzer, UCCE Farm Advisor, Sutter/Yuba Counties*
- **Irrigation Scheduling Using the “Pressure Bomb”**
  *Allan Fulton, UCCE Farm Advisor, Tehama County*
- **Interaction Between Pest, Nutrients, Water & Cover Crops**
  *Dick Jacobs - CSU, Chico, retired*
12:15 - 1:15 p.m.  Box Lunch & “Hands On” Identification of San Jose Scale, Aphid Eggs & Scale Predators

“Hands On” Demonstration of Monitoring Techniques - Westermann Farms, Hamilton City
- Dormant Spur Monitoring - Bill Olson
- In-Season Aphid Monitoring - Wilbur Reil
- Using San Jose Scale and PTB Traps - Carolyn Pickel
- 10 Minute Search for Mites - Bill Krueger
- Prune Rust Monitoring - Rick Buchner
- Plant-Tissue and Water Sampling - Franz Niederholzer
- Irrigation Scheduling - Allan Fulton

4:00 p.m.  Adjourn

Continuing Education Credit: One Hour of Laws and Six Hours of Other Requested.

Registration for Prune Pest and Orchard Management Short Course

Please reserve _______ box lunches for me. I have enclosed a check for __________________ made payable to UC Regents to cover the cost of $25.00 per person.

______ Number of vegetarian lunches

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address _________________________________________________________________________________________

Names of others covered by check:______________________________________________________________________

Phone _________________________________________________________________________________________________

If you plan to attend the Orland meeting, please mail to:
University of California, ATTN: Prune Short Course, P. O. Box 697, Orland, CA 95963

If you plan to attend one of the other meetings, call the corresponding number listed on the front for the location you wish to attend.

IPFP COALITION PARTNERS

Financial Support Team:
- California Dried Plum Board
- Nature Conservancy
- USDA/Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- USDA/Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES)
- CalEPA’s Department of Pesticide Registration (DPR)
- Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (SAREP)/Biologically Integrated Farming Systems (BIFS)
- University of California Cooperative Extension
- CDFA’s Buy California Initiative

Management and Grower Support Teams
- The IPFP management team consists of 15 University of California Farm Advisors, Specialists and Experiment Station personnel, 6 industry representatives, 9 Pest Control Advisors, and 33 grower/cooperators.

Rick Buchner, UCCE, Tehama County
Mark Dalrymple - Sunsweet Growers, Inc.
Brent Holtz - UCCE, Madera County
Mark Kettmann - Mariana Packing Co.
Bill Krueger, UCCE, Glenn County
Nick Mills - UC Entomologist
Maxwell Norton - UCCE, Merced County
Gary Obenauf - Project Manager CDPB
Bill Olson, UCCE, Butte County
Rich Peterson - Executive Director, CDPB
Carolyn Pickel - UC Area IPM Advisor
Wilbur Reil - UCCE, Yolo County

Ken Shackel - UC Pomologist
Steve Sibbett - Consultant
Beth Teviotdale - UC Plant Pathologist
Fred Thomas - BPS Coordinator
Becky Westerdahl - UC Nematologist
Larry Whitted - Whitted & Associates

Prune Growers:
- Dan Aguiar
- Mike Billiou - Billiou Ranches
- Richard Bolen - Westermann Farms
- Dan Bozzo
- Mike Braga - Sherman Thomas Ranch
- Brother Paul - Abby Ranch
- Gary Carlin
- Bruce Carroll - Big M Ranch
- Greg Correa - Onstott Orchards
- Mike Davis - Sycamore Ranch
- David Evers - Farmland Management
- Brendon Flynn - Minch Ranch
- Earl Giacolini
- Steve Gruenwald
- John Heier
- Dick Jacobs - Chico State Farm
- Kulwant Johl
- Brad Johnson - Johnson Clan
- Bob Kolberg - Greenleaf Farms
- Roger Sohnrey - Sohnrey Ranch
- George Toney - Toney Orchards
- Joe Turkovich
- Don Vossler
- Gary Walker - Growers Ag Service