2009 Vegetable Crops Continuing Conference (VC3)
December 9-10, 2009 • UC Davis
Dec. 9 • Bowley Science Center
Dec. 10 • 3001 PES (Plant & Environmental Sciences Bldg.)

Wednesday, 12/9/09 • Bowley Science Center
9:20 AM Welcome
9:30-noon Farm Advisor updates
  • 9:30 Rob Wilson, Siskiyou County—Update on onions and potatoes at IREC
  • 9:50 Richard Smith, Monterey County—Robotic weeding and thinning in cool season vegetables
  • 10:10 Mark Trent, Imperial County—Food safety concerns for Imperial County: research update
  • 10:30 Gene Miyao, Yolo County—Processing tomatoes: can we make 100 tons/A?
  • 10:50 Andre Biscaro, Los Angeles County—Site-specific nutrient management for onion production in southern California: soil fertility and cost analysis comparison
  • 11:10 Ramiro Lobo, San Diego County, and Marita Contwell, UC Davis—Pitahaya or dragon fruit research update: production and postharvest management **CANCELLED DUE TO ILLNESS**
  • 11:30 Dan Marcum—Update on garlic seed disease projects
  • 11:50 Oleg Daugovish, Ventura County—Update on Ventura County activities
12:00-1:00 PM Lunch
1:00-3:00 UCCE response to invasive species issues
Laura Tourte, Santa Cruz County • Eric Natwick, Imperial County • Brian Oatman and Thor Benzing, ANR EH&S
3:00-3:15 Break
3:15-4:45 ANR restructuring and the future of UC vegetable crop activities
Barbara Allen-Diaz, ANR AVP Academic Programs and Strategic Initiatives • Joe DiTomaso, Initiative Leader • Ken Tate UCD Plant Sciences Extension and Outreach Vice Chair • Tim Hartz, VRIC Director
4:45 PM Adjourn

Thursday, 12/10/09 • 3001 PES
Microbial food safety session
8:00-8:05 AM Brief introduction: Key issues in 2009—Trevor Suslow, UC Davis
8:05-8:25 Goals and activities of the Center for Produce Safety—Bonnie Fernandez, Executive Director
8:25-8:45 Traits of environmental and crop persistence of pathogens—Steve Koike, Monterey County
8:45-9:00 Preharvest and postharvest internalization by pathogens—Trevor Suslow
9:00-9:20 Wildlife on the farm: balancing food safety and ecological health—Christina Fischer, The Nature Conservancy
9:20-10:00 Commodity Specific GAPs, audits, and regulatory oversight—Panel discussion
10:00-10:15 Break
10:15-10:45 Advances in “soft” pesticides—Larry Godfrey, UC Davis and Joe Nunez, Kern County
10:45-11:30 Improving irrigation and salinity management: tools and techniques to help growers—Mike Cahn, Monterey County and Khaled Bali, Imperial County
11:30-11:45 The Agricultural Sustainability Institute (ASI) nitrogen management program—Todd Rosenstock, ASI
11:45-12 noon The Collaborative Research Support Program (CRSP) in Horticulture—Ron Voss, Director

COMMODITY WORKGROUPS sessions

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