



# 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	<b>Farm Advisor updates</b>
• 9:30	<i>Rob Wilson, Siskiyou County</i> —Update on onions and potatoes at IREC
• 9:50	<i>Richard Smith, Monterey County</i> —Robotic weeding and thinning in cool season vegetables
• 10:10	<i>Mark Trent, Imperial County</i> —Food safety concerns for Imperial County: research update
• 10:30	<i>Gene Miyao, Yolo County</i> —Processing tomatoes: can we make 100 tons/A?
• 10:50	<i>Andre Biscaro, Los Angeles County</i> —Site-specific nutrient management for onion production in southern California: soil fertility and cost analysis comparison
• 11:10	<del><i>Ramiro Lobo, San Diego County and Marita Cantwell, UC Davis</i>—Pitahaya or dragon fruit research update: production and postharvest management **CANCELLED DUE TO ILLNESS**</del>
• 11:30	<i>Dan Marcum</i> —Update on garlic seed disease projects
• 11:50	<i>Oleg Daugovich, Ventura County</i> —Update on Ventura County activities
12:00-1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00-3:00	<b>UCCE response to invasive species issues</b> <i>Laura Tourte, Santa Cruz County • Eric Natwick, Imperial County • Brian Oatman and Thor Benzing, ANR EH&amp;S</i>
3:00-3:15	Break
3:15-4:45	<b>ANR restructuring and the future of UC vegetable crop activities</b> <i>Barbara Allen-Diaz, ANR AVP Academic Programs and Strategic Initiatives • Joe DiTomaso, Initiative Leader • Ken Tate UCD Plant Sciences Extension and Outreach Vice Chair • <del>Tim Hartz, VRIC Director</del></i>
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— <i>Trevor Suslow, UC Davis</i>
8:05-8:25	Goals and activities of the Center for Produce Safety— <i>Bonnie Fernandez, Executive Director</i>
8:25-8:45	Traits of environmental and crop persistence of pathogens— <i>Steve Koike, Monterey County</i>
8:45-9:00	Preharvest and postharvest internalization by pathogens— <i>Trevor Suslow</i>
9:00-9:20	Wildlife on the farm: balancing food safety and ecological health— <i>Christina Fischer, The Nature Conservancy</i>
9:20-10:00	Commodity Specific GAPs, audits, and regulatory oversight— <i>Panel discussion</i>
10:00-10:15	Break
10:15-10:45	Advances in “soft” pesticides— <i>Larry Godfrey, UC Davis and Joe Nunez, Kern County</i>
10:45-11:30	Improving irrigation and salinity management: tools and techniques to help growers— <i>Mike Cahn, Monterey County and Khaled Bali, Imperial County</i>
11:30-11:45	The Agricultural Sustainability Institute (ASI) nitrogen management program— <i>Todd Rosenstock, ASI</i>
11:45-12 noon	The Collaborative Research Support Program (CRSP) in Horticulture— <i>Ron Voss, Director</i>

### COMMODITY WORKGROUPS sessions

TIME		140 ROBBINS HALL	289 ROBBINS HALL
1:00-2:00 PM	Commodity B/O session 1	<b>Processing tomato</b> <i>(Stoddard &amp; Miyao)</i>	<b>Potato</b> <i>(Nunez)</i>
2:00-2:10	<i>Move to next breakout session</i>		
2:10-3:10	Commodity B/O session 2	<b>Warm Season</b> <i>(Hartz)</i>	<b>Allium</b> <i>(Trent)</i>
3:10-3:30	<i>BREAK and move to next breakout session</i>		
3:30-4:30	Commodity B/O session 3	<b>Cool Season</b> <i>(Smith)</i>	<b>Pepper</b> <i>(Nunez)</i>