## Meet our New Cross County Agronomy Advisor: Oli Bach, Ph.D.

Dr. Oli Bachie earned his Ph.D. in Plant Biology at UC Riverside and has worked as an Assistant Research Specialist in the UC Riverside Department of Nematology. His dissertation research explored Interdisciplinary pest management (insects, nematodes and weeds) potentials of cover cropping systems.

He has worked for Toronto urban forestry, graduate researcher at the University of Toronto and adjunct professor, network administrator and research specialist in San Diego at National University, American University and San Diego State University. He has also served as an adjunct professor of biology at the Victor Valley Community College for over six years. Prior to moving to North America, Bachie worked at the Ministry of Agriculture in Ethiopia as an expert in crop protection, weed management and crop production.

In addition to a Ph.D., Bachie holds a BSc. in plant sciences from Alamaya University (Ethiopia), MSc. in Agronomy/weed sciences from the University of the Philippines, and MScF. in forestry from the University of Toronto (Canada).

Bachie is now the UCCE advisor for Imperial, Riverside and San Diego counties specializing in agronomy. He is based in the UCCE office in Imperial. His research will focus primarily, but not limited to primary focus on, but not limited to crops such as alfalfa, wheat, sudangrass, bermudagrass, Kleingrass, cotton, sugar beets, and bioenergy crops and their cropping systems.

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