

What is the Kearney Agricultural Research and Extension IR-4 Field Research Center Program?

* Part of the [Western Region IR-4 Program](http://wrir4.ucdavis.edu/), which
	+ Is part of the national [IR-4 Specialty Crops Project](http://ir4.rutgers.edu) funded by USDA NIFA and headquartered at Rutgers University, New Jersey providing safe & effective pest management solutions for specialty crop growers. The Western Region IR-4 is housed in the [Environmental Toxicology Department](http://etox.ucdavis.edu/) at the University of California, Davis.
	+ Represents crop protection needs for 13 Western States: AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY, & The Pacific Island Territories
	+ Has field, laboratory and quality assurance units based at UC Davis
	+ Is federally funded by USDA NIFA grants
* A program based at Kearney that annually conducts up to 50 IR-4 field trials on food use crops
	+ The largest IR-4 field research center in the country
	+ Mimics commercial practices for research on:
		- Diverse field, row, tree and vine crops
		- Greenhouse crops
		- Mushrooms
		- Postharvest commodities, for example, avocados, oranges, lemons, kiwifruit, peaches, cherries, figs, pomegranates, almonds, pecans
	+ Conducts research at
		- Kearney Agricultural Research and Extension Center
		- [Lindcove Research and Extension Center](http://ucanr.edu/sites/lindcove/)
		- [West side Research and Extension Center](http://ucanr.edu/sites/westsiderec/)
		- Cooperative grower sites