



## Growing Food in Tahoe Workshops

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This past fall, the UCCE Master Gardeners of Lake Tahoe completed our 3<sup>rd</sup> season of workshops on Growing Food in Tahoe (GFT). We are in the process of organizing a Committee to further the program, and perhaps expand on how and where we provide information on food production. Contact Megan Suarez-Brand [mesuarez@ucanr.edu](mailto:mesuarez@ucanr.edu) if you would like to participate. We are soliciting feedback from all of our participants. Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey that is applicable to you. We deeply appreciate your cooperation as it helps guide our future workshops.

GFT: Tomato Questionnaire - <https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=22076>

GFT: Garlic & Onion Questionnaire - <https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=22237>

GFT: Onion & Potato Questionnaire - <https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=22239>

GFT: Strawberry Questionnaire - <https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=22234>

### **Our top 20 highlights include:**

- 1) Sixteen Workshops in May and four workshops in September
- 2) Two Farmers' Market demonstrations
- 3) Workshops in 5 counties and two states
- 4) Over 150 participants in our growing trials
- 5) 6 crops covered (Onions, potatoes, strawberries, asparagus, tomatoes and garlic)
- 6) 9 suppliers utilized
- 7) Three universities involved or contacted (UC Davis, UNR and Guelph University)
- 8) 1200+ onion plants distributed
- 9) 150 pounds potatoes handed out
- 10) 900 strawberry plants provided
- 11) 700 asparagus crowns given away
- 12) 630 tomato plants offered
- 13) 22 pounds of elephant garlic used in the workshops
- 14) 49 pounds of hard neck garlic from Colorado were provided
- 15) 20 pounds of soft neck garlic from Nevada was supplied
- 16) \$7100 estimated retail value of provided plant materials
- 17) 1800 miles driven as part of the program
- 18) It is growing at high elevation not high altitude
- 19) It's Phenology not phrenology
- 20) We had a chance to talk with one of the Gilroy Garlic Princesses



Garlic Princess Kylie Kuwada



Talking Tomatoes in May of 2017