Getting started: Connecting

University of **California** Agriculture and Natural Resources

Successful Extension is built on relationships and trust. Here are a few tips for making connections.

UC ANR Colleagues

- Use UC ANR's directory or the Taxonomy & Personnel System (TPS) to learn about colleagues.
- Workgroup (WG): Join a WG to collaboratively plan and implement research and extension activities with other Advisors, Specialists, AES, etc.
- **Program Team (PTs)**: Your workgroups can join PTs to network, share and learn across workgroups.
- Strategic Initiatives (SIs) unify, communicate and advocate to enhance the impact of our extensive Research and Extension Network.



Visit the UC ANR Strategic Initiative page to find contacts for the Program Teams and Workgroups

• Campus colleagues: Contact Deans, Department Chairs, Specialists and AES faculty.



Key contacts (growers, community leaders, organizations) and workgroups.

- Talk to mentors and colleagues for guidance in making contacts.
- Attend meetings and events—county, commodity, industry. Talk to mentors and colleagues for help in prioritizing where to participate. (e.g., Farm Advisors can attend CCA and PCA meetings)

UC ANR Organizations

Learn about the

- Research and Extension Centers;
- Statewide Programs and Institutes (California Institute for Water Resources and Nutrition Policy Institute)

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