

ORGANIC AGRICULTURE WORKSHOP

Thursday, December 8, 2022 • 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Farm Hub/Farm Bureau Conference Room • 420 S Broadway, Escondido, CA 92025

PROGRAM AGENDA

- 7:30 AM **Check-in & Continental Breakfast**
- 8:00 AM **Welcome and Overview of Organic Production in San Diego County –**
Ramiro Lobo, Small Farms & Ag Economics Advisor, UCCE San Diego
- 8:15 AM **REGULATORY UPDATE PANEL** *(10-15 minute presentations followed by Q & A)*
- California Organic Program and the Organic Registration Process –
Monica Winters, Agricultural Standards Inspector, County of San Diego
 - Third Party Certifiers and the Organic Certification Process –
Laura Murray, CCOF Inspector/Certifier
 - Climate Action Plan, Reginal Decarbonization Framework, and the Carbon
Farming Program – Claire Moss and Stephanie Neal, Sustainability Division,
County of San Diego
 - Water Quality Regulations and their Implications for Organic Growers –
Abigail Pashina, San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board
- 9:30 AM **Overview of Organic Production in California and Nitrogen Management in Organic
Production –** Joji Muramoto, Organic Production Specialist, UC ANR/UC Santa Cruz
- 10:00 AM **BREAK**
- 10:15 AM **Improving Irrigation System Performance –**
Gerardo Spinelli, Floriculture and CEA Advisor, UCCE San Diego County
- 10:45 AM **Insect Pest Management Options for Organic Production Systems –**
Eric Middleton, UCCE Area IPM Advisor, San Diego County
- 11:15 AM **Weed Control Alternatives for Organic Production –** Chris McDonald, Natural Resources
Advisor, UCCE San Diego, Riverside & San Bernardino Counties
- 11:45 AM **Mulching and Compost effect on Good Soil Quality and Health -**
Mary Matava, Agri Service, Inc. and El Corazon Composting Facility

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- 12:15 PM **NETWORKING LUNCH** (*Included with Registration*)
Review and Discussion of Technical/Financial Assistance Programs from the USDA, CDFA, and other (*3-5 minute introductions and table displays of program materials*):
- CDFA FSMA-PSR Food Safety Technical Assistance Program- Ariana Reyes (UCCE San Diego)
 - CDFA Environmental Funding - Esther Mosase (UC ANR/UCCE San Diego & Riverside Counties)
 - Drought and Irrigation Management Related Assistance – Andy Williamson (Resource Conservation District-Greater San Diego) and Darcy Cook (Mission Resource Conservation District)
- 1:30 PM **Soilborne Disease Control in Organic Vegetables and Strawberries -**
Joji Muramoto, Organic Production Specialist, UC ANR/UC Santa Cruz
- 2:00 PM **Organic Vegetables and Berry Production –**
Oleg Daugovich, Strawberry and Vegetable Crop Advisor, UCCE Ventura County
- 2:30 PM **Nutrient Management in Organic Vegetables -**
Milt McGiffen, CE Specialist and Plant Physiologist, UC ANR/UC Riverside
- 3:00 PM **BREAK**
- 3:15 PM **LESSONS FROM THE FIELD – Organic Grower Panel Discussion**
- Christine Foote, Foot Path Winery, Certified organic vineyard and winery
 - Edward Grangetto, Commercial avocado grower, Manager, Farm Land Owner and Technical Advisor/Consultant
 - Ellen Maisen, Organic pitahaya, specialty crops, citrus and subtropical fruits
- 4:15 PM **Workshop Evaluation/Future Programs -**
Shriya Rangarajan, UC Organic Agriculture Institute/UC Davis
- 4:30 PM **ADJOURN**

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