

Ventura County News

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March 2023

Channel Islands Native Plant Sale

This year's Channel Islands Native Plant Sale features many varieties of California plants native to the Channel Islands. The sale is proudly sponsored by the Channel

Islands Park Foundation and supported by the Ventura County Master Gardeners.

Date: Saturday, March 25, 2023

Time: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: 1901 Spinnaker Drive, Ventura, at the end of Ventura Harbor



Fire Safety Goats

The public is invited to meet at California State University Channel Islands and join UCCE Livestock & Range Advisor Matthew Shapero on April 5 from Noon to 2:30 p.m. for an event centered around a local herd of goats. The herd, operated by Ventura Brush Goats, has been

hired for a second year by CSUCI to do campus vegetation management. There is a growing industry of small-ruminant livestock companies in Ventura County who provide targeted grazing service for objectives like fire fuel reduction and invasive species control. Details will be posted presently on the CSUCI events page: [News & Events - CSU Channel Islands](#)

Buzz Around Hansen REC's Move

As word of the Hansen REC's new home spreads, articles outlining details and future plans have been published. Use these links to read about the new property:

VC Star: [New Farm](#)

Farm Press: [Research Moving to a New Site](#)

Morning Ag Clips: [New Site in Ventura County](#)

UCANR News: [REC Moving to New VC Site](#)





Agricultural Pass Program

The purpose of the Agricultural Pass Program is to provide options for commercial agriculture and livestock operators to access restricted areas during or following a natural disaster.

University of California Cooperative Extension has collaborated with Ventura County Agricultural Commissioner's Office, Office of Emergency Services, and Ventura County Fire Department to offer two training opportunities. Attending one of these two classes in the county allows you to apply for and receive an Ag Pass. To learn more about the Ag Pass Program in Ventura County, visit [Ag Pass Program](#).



Preventing Pest Problems at Seeding

Learn how to prevent and manage pest problems such as damping off and fungus gnats at the time of seeding new plants. This March 16th Zoom presentation will be given by Lauren Fordyce, UC IPM Urban and Community IPM Educator. Use this link to register: [Preventing Pest Problems](#)

Advice to Grow By - Attend a Class

The Master Gardener Program of Ventura County offers a variety of seasonal classes for home gardeners. This month's selection includes installing drip irrigation, summer vegetable gardening, planting California native plants, and how to espalier fruit trees. Classes are held both in person and online. There is no cost, but registration is required. Use this link to see the complete list and to register: [2023 VC Master Gardener Classes](#).



Accelerating Sustainable Pest Management: A Roadmap for California

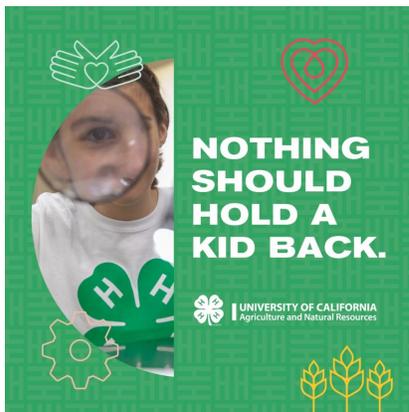
Christopher Greer, UC IPM and Plant Pathology Advisor, discusses findings and comments about "Accelerating Sustainable Pest Management: A Roadmap for California," a document resulting from 21 months of research by the Sustainable Pest Management (SPM) Work Group regarding California's transition from high-risk pesticides to safer, more sustainable methods of pest control in both agricultural and urban settings. Use this link to read Chris' paper that also contains links to the full document as well as a summary: [ASPM](#).



Learn about local wildflowers and weeds at this two-day event to be held on Earth Day weekend, April 22 and 23, at the Museum of Ventura County Agriculture Museum from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Santa Paula. This is a family-friendly event and admission is free. Attendees will have access to the museum as well as scheduled events such as iNaturalist training, a native plant sale, children's activities, and a live plant display. The museum is located at 926 Railroad Avenue. For more information call 805-525-3100. Artwork courtesy of Mariann Romero.

Wildfire Preparedness and Impact Survey

UCCE fire professionals invite adult residents and natural resources professionals in California to help develop educational resources and workshops about wildfire preparedness and guide scientific research aimed at helping communities and professionals deal with wildfire risks and impacts. If interested, complete the survey by March 31, 2023, and you'll be entered to win one of fifty \$20 VISA gifts cards: [Wildfire Preparedness and Impacts Survey](#).



4-H Presentation Day 2023

Public speaking is a vital skill for most occupations and every 4-H member is encouraged to give a yearly presentation. Presentation Day 2023 is on March 23 and will be held at the Hansen REC in Santa Paula. 4-H members can use this link to register and find out more about the process and topics: [2023 VC 4-H Presentation Day](#)

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