Small Grain and Forage Field Tours

Meet with Extension Small Grain Specialist Dr. Lee Jackson, Dr. Dan Putnam, Farm Advisors, and Industry to assess Central California’s Cereal Forage Varieties and disease tolerance for 2008. In addition, a Switchgrass research study will be presented at the Westside Research and Extension Station.

Locations and times:

**Session one:**

Tuesday, April 29, 2008
Westside Research and Extension Station
9:30 – 10:00 AM
*Switchgrass Early Production Practices for California*
Dr. Bob Hutmacher, Dr. Dan Putnam, Dr. Bruce Lindquist
10:00 – 10:30 AM
*Alfalfa Variety Trial*
Dr. Dan Putnam
10:30 – 11:30 AM
*Wheat (common and durums), triticale, barley variety trial*

Lunch follows sponsored by RSI & Penny-Newman

**Session two:**

Tuesday, April 29, 2008
McCarthy Farms – NW corner Utica and 10th Avenues
1:30 – 3:30 PM
*Varieties posted—presenters available for questions*
*Small plot variety showing wheat (common and durums), triticale, and barley will be seen.*

**Session three:**

Wednesday, April 30, 2008
Milky Way Dairy – North of Visalia
8:00 – 10:00 AM
*Wheat and triticale varieties for forage will be seen on a large scale: Wheat: Blanca Royale, Blanca Fuerte, Joaquin, PR 1404, Ultra, 20728, 40207; Triticale: Trical 118, Trical 105, Trical Camelot*

Complimentary breakfast sponsored by RSI & Penny-Newman

Directions to Milky Way Dairy:
From Hwy 99 take Hwy 198 east 2 miles; exit Plaza Street North; continue north on Plaza as it turns to Road 80; continue North past the county landfill; turn left immediately after crossing St. Johns River and follow the signs.
JOIN US FOR A DAIRY LAGOON EXCAVATION AND NUTRIENT APPLICATION DEMONSTRATION

COME LEARN ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF A DRAGHOSE MANURE APPLICATION SYSTEM

Thursday, May 1, 2008
9:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

♦ Evaluate system for meeting your specific needs
♦ Learn about cost-share opportunities for implementing technology
♦ Evaluate impact on odor control, nutrient availability, & soil compaction
♦ Compare with alternatives like truck-mounted spreaders

Location: LONGFELLOW FARMING CO.
14782 8th Avenue, Hanford, CA

FOR MORE INFO. CALL

UC COOP EXTENSION KINGS COUNTY
(559) 582-3211

CALIFORNIA DAIRY CAMPAIGN
(209) 632-0885

WESTERN UNITED DAIRYMEN
(209) 527-6453

SUSTAINABLE CONSERVATION
(209) 576-7729

SPONSORS

California Dairy Campaign
HYDRO ENGINEERING, INC.
Sustainable Conservation
NRCS

April 2008- Dairy Notes
This free workshop will provide information and an opportunity to discuss with fellow crop management professionals crop nutrient management planning for dairies. We will present the latest updates on requirements under the Central Valley Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) General Order for Existing Milk Cow Dairies. This will include help with the July 1, 2008 deadline — also some details that may not be obvious in the regulations. Topics will include:

- Sampling & Analysis Plan requirements
- Soil, plant tissue, and irrigation water sampling for nutrient management
- Dairy lagoon water and solid manure sampling
- Measurement and recordkeeping for lagoon water and solid manure nutrient applications
- Interpreting the WDR Preliminary Dairy Facility Assessment
- "Whole Farm N Balance": What does 1.4 – 1.65 mean, and what are the agronomic options for addressing a high N balance?
- Agronomic options for inadequate storage pond capacity

Instructors:
Stu Pettygrove, UC Cooperative Extension Specialist
Marsha Campbell Mathews and Carol Frate, UC Cooperative Extension Agronomy Farm Advisers
For more information about program contact Stu Pettygrove, gspettygrove@ucdavis.edu.

PRE-REGISTRATION—Please help us get a headcount!

- Online—go to https://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=2710
- By email or phone, contact Victoria Pakhomov, vpakho-mov@ucdavis.edu, 530-752-1406, Dept. of Land, Air & Water Resources, UC Davis

CCAs — 3.5 CEUs in Nutrient Management requested
In this issue of Dairy Notes:

- Small grain and forage field tours- April 29th and 30th
- Drag hose manure application demo – May 1st in Hanford
- Dairy manure nutrient management workshop– May 20th in Tulare

Other local upcoming events:

- Backflow prevention training workshop (consultants only) – May 15th in Tulare. Register at http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=2736
- Dairy WDR annual report assistance workshop – May 21st in Hanford
  (Call or email Carol Collar for details – 559-582-3211 ext. 2730; ccollar@ucdavis.edu or check California Dairy Quality Assurance Program web site; http://www.cdqa.org)

Not so local event, but a great educational opportunity…

- Milking machine courses at University of Wisconsin-Madison – May 20-22;
  Details at http://www.uwex.edu/uwmril/ed_programs.htm

Carol Collar,
UC Cooperative Extension Farm Advisor