

DAIRY NOTES

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Silage Corn Variety Trials Open House

Please drop by to see the many commercial varieties that have been planted in two different silage corn trials. There will be no formal presentations, so come by anytime, enjoy a cold drink and visit with local farm advisors and seed representatives about the corn. This is a great opportunity to see the crop *before* harvest so you can compare your impressions with yield data that will be available later this fall. If you cannot make it to the field day but still want to see the trials on your own, call the farm advisor for a plot map. Each trial will be harvested shortly after the open house, so don't wait too long or you will miss your chance.

Tulare County - Carol Frate, UCCE Farm Advisor, 733-6363

When: Wednesday, September 6th, 9 AM to 11 AM

Where: South side of Avenue 232 (Kansas Ave) between Roads 36 (2nd Ave) and Road 44

What: 15 different varieties planted on May 31st

Kings County - Carol Collar, UCCE Farm Advisor, 582-3211 ext. 2730

When: Wednesday, September 20th, 9 AM to 11 AM

Where: Northwest corner of the intersection of Highway 198 and 1^{1/2} Ave.

What: 18 different varieties planted on June 13th.

High Volume, Low Speed Fan for Cow Cooling Demonstration

Two dairies in Tulare County have been testing high volume, low speed fans this summer in freestalls and milk barns as part of a UCCE / Southern California Edison demonstration project. You are invited to visit the dairies to see the fans and hear preliminary test results on cow response and energy savings. Contact Tom Shultz, Tulare County's UCCE Dairy Advisor for more information.

When: Wednesday, September 6th, Noon to 2:00 PM

Where: Nunes Bros. Dairy and Riverbend Dairy in Tulare

<http://www.ucce.tulare.ca.us/events/090600ts.pdf>

What: Large diameter (20 ft.) fans that move a lot of air at low speed

UC Alfalfa Field Day

When: Thursday, September 7th, 9 AM to Noon

Where: Kearney Ag Center, 9240 South Riverbend Avenue, Parlier
<http://www.uckac.edu/uckac/about/rmap.html>

What: Annual alfalfa meeting featuring indoor and outdoor presentations outlined below.

Diagnosing Potassium and Boron Deficiencies in Alfalfa
Rollie Meyer, UC Davis Soils Extension Specialist

Update on Alfalfa Varieties
Dan Putnam, UC Davis Alfalfa Extension Specialist

How Yield and Quality change during a growth period in Fresno County
Tracy Ackerly, UC Davis Department of Agronomy

Lagoon water applications on alfalfa - Preliminary Results from 99-00 Trials
Stu Pettygrove, UC Davis Soils Extension Specialist & Allison Eagle, UC Davis Department of Land, Air, & Water Resources

Latest Developments in the Cowpea Aphid
Charles Summers, UC Davis Department of Entomology stationed at Kearney Ag Center

Sclerotinia Strategies for Fall & Other Disease Considerations
Carol Frate, UCCE Farm Advisor, Tulare County

(1 hour of PCA credit and 3 hours of CCA credit have been requested.)

Environmental Stewardship Shortcourse Offered in October

When: October 11th, 18th and 25th, 10 AM to Noon

Where: Edison AgTAC in Tulare, across the street from the Farm Equipment Show Grounds

What: Educational program for dairy producers to update them on laws and regulations; review proper manure handling and treatment to ensure the dairy poses no threat to the environment.

The course is offered at no cost to dairy producers. Because the ESSC certification is linked to the California Dairy Quality Assurance program (CDQAP), the same representative from the dairy should attend all three classes. If you have attended classes previously, but didn't complete all three, now is the time to attend the class you missed. Call Tom Shultz, at 733-6363 to sign up for these classes.

Dairies that have completed all three sessions of the shortcourse may choose to have a 3rd party evaluation. The evaluation involves an assessment of the dairy site. It is strictly voluntary and producers who successfully complete the evaluation will be "certified" in the environmental stewardship component of the CDQAP. If you are interested there will be a **pre-evaluation meeting on October 25th at Edison Ag TAC from 2 to 4 PM.**

Bankers, veterinarians, dairy consultants and other allied industry people can attend an **Allied Industry session of the ESSC on October 18th from 12:30 to 5 PM.** The allied industry session requires pre-registration a week in advance of the meeting date. Registration forms are available at Cooperative Extension offices. A complete schedule of upcoming ESSC classes throughout the state is attached.