



UCCE Dried Plum News



May 2003

Dear California Dried Plum grower and allied industry personnel,
In late May and early June the University of California Farm Advisors, who have been conducting the research on the Integrated Prune Farming Practices (IPFP) program, are providing a “University of California Cooperative Extension Prune Pest and Orchard Management Short Course.” The course, which will be offered in six locations around California, is designed to provide instruction on pest, nutrient and irrigation monitoring techniques that have been researched over many years. Meeting attendees will learn how they can monitor for key pests and make wise plant nutrition and irrigation scheduling decisions which will either **save or make them money in dried plum production**. See the attached agenda for topics covered

The dates and locations are:

Wednesday	May 28	UC Kearney Ag Center, Parlier
Thursday	May 29	Woodland
Friday	May 30	Yuba City
Tuesday	June 3	Red Bluff
Wednesday	June 4	Orland
Thursday	June 5	Gridley

The short course is being offered for **\$25.00 per pre-registered attendee**. **Note: Registration at the door will be \$35.00, if space available with no guarantee of lunch.**

Course Materials provided include:

Free record-keeping and single site pesticide use reporting software

- ❑ 16x hand lens
- ❑ 5-6 hours of PCA or private applicator credit hours, including one hour of Laws and Regulations education.
- ❑ A binder containing step-by-step, **cost-saving** orchard pest and nutrient/irrigation monitoring instructions.
- ❑ Laminated orchard pest identification cards
- ❑ Lunch

Note: The materials offered at these meetings will not be offered at the same price elsewhere.

Take advantage of this valuable educational opportunity and send in your RSVP check today.

University of California Cooperative Extension

Prune Pest and Orchard Management Short Course

Kearney Ag Center
9240 S. Riverbend, Parlier, Ca

Wednesday, May 28, 2003

Agenda

7:30 a.m. Registration & pick up Integrated Prune Practices Decision Guide Binder

8:00 a.m. Introduction

Harry Andris, UCCE Farm Advisor Fresno County
Maxwell Norton, UCCE Farm Advisor Merced County

How Laws & Regulations Relate to Water Quality & Pest Monitoring

How the EQIP Program Can Help Growers Adopt Monitoring Techniques

Overview of the Integrated Prune Farming Practices (IPFP) Program & the Water Stewardship Research & Demonstration Project (WSRD)

Gary Obenauf, Agricultural Research Consulting

Possible Dormant Spray Restrictions & How Pest Monitoring Can Help

Pest Monitoring Record Keeping & Single Site Pesticide Use Reporting Software Demonstration

Jed Walton, UCCE, Post Graduate Researcher, Butte County

BREAK

Pest Monitoring Techniques Described:

- **Aphid Life Cycle**
- **Dormant Spur Monitoring to Detect Scale & Aphid Eggs**
- **Using the Dormant Treatment Decision Guide**
Bill Olson, UCCE Farm Advisor, Butte County
- **Using San Jose Scale & Peach Twig Borer Traps**
Carolyn Pickel, UCCE Area IPM Advisor, Sutter/Yuba County
- **10 Minute Search For Mites**
Wilbur Reil, UCCE Farm Advisor, Yolo County

- **Monitoring for Prune Rust**
Richard Buchner, UCCE Farm Advisor, Tehama County
- **Leaf Tissue Sampling & the Nitrogen Budget For Making Fertilization Decisions**
Bill Krueger, UCCE Farm Advisor, Glenn County
Franz Niederholzer, UCCE Farm Advisor, Sutter/Yuba County
- **Irrigation Scheduling Using the “Pressure Bomb”**
Rick Buchner, UCCE Farm Advisor, Tehama County
- **Interaction Between Pest, Nutrients, Water & Cover Crops**

12:15 a.m. –
1:15 p.m.

Box Lunch & “Hands on” Identification of San Jose Scale, Aphid Eggs & Scale Predators

“Hands On” Demonstration of Monitoring Techniques in a Near by Prune Orchard:

- Dormant Spur Monitoring – Bill Olson
- In-Season Aphid Monitoring – Wilbur Reil
- Using San Jose Scale and PTB Traps – Carolyn Pickel
- 10 Minute Search for Mites – Bill Krueger
- Prune Rust Monitoring – Rick Buchner
- Plant-Tissue and Water Sampling – Franz Neiderholzer
- Irrigation Scheduling – Rick Buchner or Ken Shackel

4:00 p.m.

Adjourn

<p>Continuing Education Credit: One Hour of Laws and 6 Hours of Other Requested.</p>

Registration Form on back page for Kearney Ag Center Meeting
(Please return with your payment)

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REGISTRATION FORM - Prune Pest and Orchard Management Short Course - Wednesday, May 28, 2003

Cost: \$25.00 per Person/includes box lunch

Please reserve _____ box lunches for me or

Please reserve _____ vegetarian lunch

I have enclosed a check for _____ made payable to "UC Regents."

Send to:

UCCE Fresno County
c/o Yolanda Murillo
Prune Short Course,
1720 S. Maple Ave
Fresno, Ca 93702

Preregistration form must be in our office, no later than Tuesday, May 20, 2003

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Name(s): _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____

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