



# TOMATO INFO

## MEETING NOTICE

### **SOUTH SACRAMENTO VALLEY PROCESSING TOMATO PRODUCTION MEETING**

**Friday, January 12, 2007**

University of California Cooperative Extension Farm Advisors  
Colusa/Sutter/Yuba and Yolo/Solano/Sacramento Counties

**Heidrick Ag History Center, Woodland**  
1962 Hays Lane (NW corner County Road 102 x Interstate 5)

- 7:30 - Doors will open – Coffee and refreshments will be ready  
Moderator: Mike Murray, County Director/Farm Advisor, Colusa/Sutter/Yuba
- 8:30 – 8:50 *Multiple Plants per Transplant Plug:*  
Gene Miyao, Farm Advisor, Yolo/Solano/Sacramento Counties
- 8:50 – 9:10 *Disease control Update with emphasis on Tomato Spotted Wilt Virus:*  
Mike Davis, Plant Pathologist, UCD
- 9:10 – 9:30 *Blackmold Control:* Brenna Aegerter, Farm Advisor, San Joaquin County
- 9:30 – 9:50 *Pesticide Regulation Update for Processing Tomatoes:*  
Dennis Chambers, Deputy Ag Commissioner, Yolo County
- 9:50 – 10:10 -----Short Break-----
- 10:10 – 10:30 *Weed Control Update:* Tom Lanini, Weed Management Specialist, UCD
- 10:30 – 10:50 *Soil Amendment Considerations with Focus on Calcium:*  
Tim Hartz, Veg Crop Specialist, UCD
- 10:50 – 11:10 *Progress Report on Sustainable Agricultural Workbook:*  
Chuck Rivara, Director, California Tomato Research Institute
- 11:10 -11:30 *Growing Demand for California Processing Tomatoes:*  
Ross Siragusa, President/CEO, California Tomato Growers Association

***Hall Rental and Refreshments Courtesy of:***

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| Dow AgroSciences (Jill LeVake-Scott) | BASF (Jim Gaggero)        |
| Syngenta (Dave Vitolo)               | DuPont (Tim Butler)       |
| Bayer (Bob Austin)                   | Valent USA (JR Gallagher) |

*Meeting is open to any interested party. Meeting facility is handicap accessible.*  
**NOTE: PCA hours requested.** We anticipate 0.33 hours of laws and 1.67 hours of other. We hope you can fit the January meeting into your schedule

I've attended two technical workshops/conferences this fall. A tomato disease workshop was held at North Carolina State University's Mountain Horticultural Crops Research and Extension center in the western part of the state. Midwestern and Southeastern researchers are tackling bacterial speck and spot with copper in combination with mancozeb, but reinforcing the control by alternating with Actigard. Alternatively, some Floridians are encouraged with the effectiveness of bacteriophages. Their phages are viruses custom tailored by a commercial company to compete against these bacterial pathogens. All treatments are preventative and in these fresh market production areas, when weather is conducive for disease development, applications can total 8-weekly sprays.

I also learned about research on plant growth regulators at a Conference on Seed, Transplant and Stand Establishment held in San Antonio. The value of having greenhouse-grown tomato transplants field delivered that are short, stocky & thick stemmed would be appealing. It would be a remarkable achievement to signal the plant to shorten internodes to reduce elongation for a prescribed time and then at transplanting to resignal the plant to become rapidly vegetative. This level of hormone control is key to successful deployment of such products and ultimately to registration, I suspect.

Best wishes for the holiday season.

*Gene*

Gene Miyao