



TOMATO INFO

MEETING NOTICE

SOUTH SACRAMENTO VALLEY PROCESSING TOMATO PRODUCTION MEETING

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)

8:00 am to noon January 10, 2006 (Tuesday)

- 7:30- Doors will open — Coffee and refreshments will be ready
Moderator: Mike Murray, County Director/ Farm Advisor, Colusa/Sutter/Yuba
- 8:15-8:40 *Progress Report on Vine Decline & Multiple Plants per Transplant Plug: Gene Miyao, Farm Advisor, Yolo/Solano/Sacramento counties*
- 8:40-9:00 *Evolution & implications of processing tomato seed pricing: Mike Murray, County Director/ Farm Advisor, Colusa/Sutter/Yuba counties*
- 9:00-9:20 *Disease Control Update: Mike Davis, Plant Pathologist, UCD*
- 9:20-9:45 *Water Quality Issues with Ag Waiver Monitoring in Lower Sacramento Valley: Claus Suverkropp, Larry Walker & Associates, Davis.*
- 9:45-10:05 *Pesticide Regulation Update for Processing Tomatoes: Dennis Chambers, Deputy Ag Commissioner, Yolo County.*
- 10:05 -10:20 ————— Short Break—————
- 10:20-10:40 *Weed Control Update: Tom Lanini, Weed Management Specialist, UCD*
- 10:40- 11:05 *Deficit irrigation & K fertigation for fruit quality improvement: Tim Hartz, Veg Crop Specialist, UCD*
- 11:05- 11:30 *Progress report: extended field storage varieties, Michelle Le Strange, Farm Advisor, Tulare/Kings/Fresno counties.*
- 11:30- 11:50 *California Processing Tomato Industry Challenges: Ross Siragusa, President/CEO, California Tomato Growers Association*

Hall Rental and Refreshments Courtesy of:

Dow AgroSciences (Jill LeVake-Scott)
Syngenta (Dave Vitolo)
Bayer (Bob Austin)

BASF (Jim Gaggero)
DuPont (Tim Butler)
Valent USA (Cheryl Norton)
AgraQuest (Marc Breckenridge)

Meeting is open to any interested party. Meeting facility is handicap accessible. 

NOTE: 2.5 HOURS PCA CREDIT REQUESTED. WOODLAND CAPCA SPONSORED.

Hope you can fit the January meeting into your schedule.

I'm working towards an updated cost of production study. With escalating prices of inputs since the last update in 2000-2001, the cost evaluations are expected to rise. Production practices have changed in that short period as well. Some of the production changes have been to offset rising costs while others have been to gain yield and maintain fruit quality.

Some production practice changes are: substantially more transplanting, processor custom harvesting, bigger equipment including 5 and 6-row cultivators, adoption of GPS, movement to drip irrigation and more permanent bed tillage equipment.

Other changes have been a more consolidated retail fertilizer and chemical manufacturers industry, fewer tomato harvester manufacturers, more communication and business over the Internet, and fewer tomato growers.

What changes will the next decade bring?

Best wishes for the holiday season

Gene Miyao

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