

Mitigating Drought

-Optimizing pasture, supplemental feed and managing risk-

January 29 - Browns Valley, Ca.

With the worsening drought conditions the University of California has organized a meeting on January 29 entitled “*Mitigating Drought - Optimizing Pasture and Supplemental feed and Managing Risk*”. The meeting is designed to provide ranchers with information to assist them managing their herd during periods of low feed supply. The meeting will be held at the UC Sierra Foothill Research & Extension Center in Browns Valley. For those that cannot attend, the program will be broadcast on the web. To register to attend or register for the webcast go to <http://ucanr.org/sites/sfrec/>

9:00-9:10	Welcome and Introduction	
	Overview	
9:10-9:30	The last 30 years of rainfall and rangeland forage production	<i>Larry Forero, UCCE Shasta and Trinity County</i>
	Optimizing pasture	
9:30-9:50	Using and storing annual feed on rangeland and alternatives to annual feed	<i>Josh Davy, UCCE Tehama, Colusa, Glenn County</i>
9:50-10:10	Optimizing irrigation and fertilization on irrigated pasture	<i>Larry Forero, UCCE Shasta and Trinity County</i>
10:10-10:30	Getting the most out of your pastures with grazing management	<i>Roger Ingram, UCCE Nevada, Placer County</i>
	Field stop	
10:30-11:30	Field demonstration of drought management tools and impacts	
11:30-12:30	Lunch	
	Optimizing supplemental feed	
12:30-12:50	How and when to supplement and economics of supplementation	<i>Dr. Jim Oltjen, Dept. Animal Science, UC Davis</i>
12:50-1:20	Alternative protein supplementation	<i>Dr. Roberto Sainz, Dept. Animal Science, UC Davis</i>
1:20-1:40	Roughage supplementation, feeding corn to spare hay	<i>Glenn Nader, UCCE Yuba, Sutter, Butte County</i>
	Risk Management and Economics	
1:40-2:00	What did ranchers learn from the 1970s drought?	<i>Wally Roney, Rancher Tehama and Butte County</i>
2:00-2:20	Government/NAP, Emergency feed, Low interest loans	<i>Justin Oldfield, California Cattlemen’s Association</i>
2:20-2:40	Lack of Rain Fall Insurance	<i>Matt Griffith, Ranch Protection</i>
2:40-3:00	Cow-calf Economics	<i>Glenn Nader, UCCE Yuba, Sutter, Butte County</i>
3:00-3:20	Wrap up and assessment	



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