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Greetings,

It's August and it's HOT. We've had an amazing summer so far, and there's still so much left to do. Most notable, as of late, is the smoke in our region from the fires. Please keep you and your family safe as we move through this fire season. As always, feel free to contact one of our knowledgeable staff for questions about their program expertise. UCANR prides itself on being problem-solvers, catalysts, collaborators, educators and stewards of the land, living in the communities we serve.

Thanks for your time and support.

JoLynn Miller
Interim Director

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Fire Season is Here: Is Your Ranch Ready?

By Dan Macon, Livestock and Natural Resources Advisor, UCCE
Placer/Nevada/Sutter/Yuba

We're in the midst of wildfire season in the Sierra foothills. With record-setting forage production in much of the region, many of us are bracing for another challenging summer and autumn.

Wildfire preparations are more complicated for commercial livestock operations. Like our neighbors, we need to create a fire safe space around our homes; we also need to think about protecting ranch infrastructure and livestock. If you haven't prepared a ranch fire safety plan, or even if you have one in place, the beginning of fire season is a reminder that we all need to be prepared! Here are a few ideas for putting together a plan for your operation.



Assessing the Threat

What is at risk in your operation? Do you have livestock in multiple locations? What is access like to your home place as well as to rented properties? As I think about our sheep operation, the following issues come to mind:

- We need to protect our home, barns and other infrastructure at our home place.
- We have livestock in several locations. Where we have irrigated pasture, we aren't quite as worried about fire. Where we're grazing on dry grass, we are more concerned. While fire is an immediate threat to the health and well-being of our animals, it can also reduce the amount of fall forage we'll have.
- Access can be a challenge during a fire. Single-lane roads, law enforcement road blocks and other obstacles may make it difficult to get our livestock during a fire.
- Smoke can create health problems for people and livestock alike. About ten years ago, during a particular smoky stretch of the summer, we had an increase in respiratory disease in our sheep.

Because many of us have operations that are spread over multiple locations, getting timely and accurate information about where fires are can be challenging as well. I find that www.yubanet.com usually has the most up-to-date information on fire location and size - be sure to check the "Happening Now" tab. CalFire also has a phone app that purports to send alerts when fires start near your location, although I've found that the app doesn't provide the real-time information I need about small local fires. Many of us have informal phone trees with the other ranchers in our area - this can be the best way to get in-the-moment information! Be sure you know the neighbors where your livestock are grazing!

[Continue reading and see the entire article on our webpage.](#)

Resource Workshop Introduction to Grant Writing



An intensive workshop to build grant writing skills for organizations and agencies in the Sierra Nevada

Supported by the Amador Resource Conservation District

2 day workshop will be held: August 16th 9am-3pm

August 17 9am-12:30pm

Why? The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) looks to the organizations, agencies, and local governments in the Region to help achieve its vision for the future — that the magnificent Sierra Nevada Region enjoys outstanding environmental, economic, and social health, with vibrant communities and landscapes sustained for future generations. You are our partners and we want to help you obtain funding to achieve these goals!

Who should attend? Community, nonprofit, and local government representatives who would like to learn how to prepare effective grant applications. This workshop is geared to the beginning (no experience) and intermediate (moderate grant writing experience) levels.

What will be covered? The workshop will cover the basics of grant writing and program development:

- How to make your application as competitive as possible
- Basic program development for effective grant writing
- The eight standard parts of a grant application

- How to create a work plan and budget spreadsheet

This will be a small, interactive class, limited to 15 participants. Participation and homework will be required. Come prepared to discuss a real project that you would like to fund. Individual assistance will be provided on writing assignments

Instructor: The workshop will be taught by **Elissa Brown, SNC Fund Development Coordinator**. Elissa is an experienced grant writer and grant writing instructor.

Class Structure: Day 1 is a 5-hour workshop covering grant writing basics. You will then be expected to spend 1-2 hours that afternoon/evening on an assigned writing project. Day 2 will be a 3-4-hour hands-on session with the instructor focusing on the writing project, a work plan, and developing a grant budget. If you work on a computer, bring a laptop and a long extension cord. If you work by hand, bring writing instruments and paper. Participants will be sent class materials in advance via email.

Where and When: The 2-day workshop will be held at the Amador County Administrative Building Conference Room A @ 810 Court Street, Jackson CA 95642 on Thursday, Aug 16, and Friday, Aug. 17. Day 1 goes from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, and Day 2 starts at 9:00 am and ends at approximately 12:30 pm.

To register: To reserve a spot please call Amador RCD staff member Gordon Long @ 209-791-0286 or email: gordon@amadorrcd.org by **08/03/2018**. Please send payment and contact info to: Amador RCD, 12200-B Airport Road, Jackson, CA 95642. If you wish to pay with exact cash, contact Gordon. The workshop is being offered at \$25/person, Lunch will be provided on DAY 1, snacks and coffee will be provided DAY 1 & DAY 2.

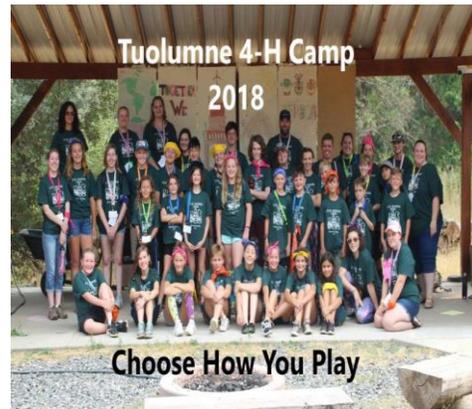
Fun at 4-H Summer Camps

El Dorado County 4-H Camp



El Dorado County 4-H wrapped up another successful camp serving 96 youth members and 19 Junior Counselors. We had campers from as far as San Diego attend!

Tuolumne County 4-H Camp



Tuolumne County 4-H Summer Camp had a fun-filled week at Tuolumne Trails in Groveland. 4-Hers aged 9-19 spend the week making friends and learning new and fun activities such as swimming, hiking, arts and crafts, science experiments, sports, games and so much more!

August 29th

Snack healthy this summer! August 29th is the first annual Healthy Snack Day in California, a day to learn more about how to snack smart and make healthy choices throughout the day. Changing up your snack routine can be an important part of eating healthier overall, since many of the calories that people eat come between mealtimes. Here are 3 tips for healthier snacking:

HEALTHY SNACK Day

- Choose something with at least a few grams of fiber and/or protein to help stay full between meals.
- Avoid added sugars in processed foods, especially liquid sugars which don't provide lasting energy.
- Plan healthy snacks ahead of time to help make the healthy choice the easy choice when you're hungry.

For healthy snack recipes, use this [Personal Recipe Finder](#) to find ideas, or search for [snacks](#) at <http://eatfresh.org/>. You can also check the statewide map to see if there's a Healthy Snack Day event taking place in your area at <https://healthysnackday.com/>.

Carbon Farming Workshop



El Dorado County & Georgetown Divide
Resource Conservation Districts



Thursday August 16th from 9:00 to 12:00

100 Forni Rd, Suite A
Placerville, CA 95667

Come and learn about carbon sequestration!

Carbon Farming Workshop

Improving soil fertility & water holding Capacity through increasing soil carbon



Agriculture and working lands play a significant role in climate change, both as a source of roughly one-quarter of global emissions, but maybe more importantly as a potential sink to reduce atmospheric CO₂ through sequestration in agricultural soils and biomass. Building upon existing programs in the agricultural sector, climate-beneficial agricultural practices, as identified through a comprehensive Carbon Farm Planning process, can play a key role in significantly reducing atmospheric GHG, while simultaneously improving the productivity, resilience and ecological sustainability of agricultural landscapes and improving environmental health.

Contact the Fred Hunt at the RCD for more information
530-303-5329
Fred.Hunt@ca.usda.gov

Click the flyer for more information.

El Dorado UC Master Gardener Training



Come Grow With Us!

UC Master Gardener Training Begins January 2019!

Learn It!

- Attend the initial 15-week training series
- Attend regular continuing education classes
- Attend monthly general meetings

Grow It!

- Get your hands dirty by volunteering in the teaching garden or Heritage Rose Garden Project
- Work with area youth in a school garden or participate in farm field trips
- Propagate plants for the annual plant sale

Teach It!

- Educate residents at farmers markets, workshops and events
- Volunteer at the Master Gardener help desk
- Lead or assist with public education classes



*Do you enjoy getting your hands dirty? Do you enjoy sharing your knowledge?
Do you want to meet new people who share your gardening passion?*

Then you may be the ideal candidate to become a **UCCE Master Gardener of Amador County**. You will be trained by the University of California Cooperative Extension in science-based horticulture and then volunteer to teach others on sustainable gardening practices.

15-Week Master Gardener Volunteer Training
Topics include: botany, soil, plant pathology, home orchards, entomology, water, pests, landscape trees, composting, plant I.D., propagation and so much more!
Classes are held in Jackson on Tuesday's beginning in January
Cost: \$200 (includes books & materials)
Interested? Sign up on our interest list at:
<http://ucanr.edu/becomeamastergardener>

Questions? Contact: rkleveland@ucanr.edu or (530) 621-5528



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UCCE Master Gardener Program
Amador County

Click the flyer for more information.

CalaverasGROWN Certified Farmers Market 2018

May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13

4pm to 6pm

Master Gardener Demo Garden, 891 Mountain Ranch Road

Shop Locally!



Live Music

**We Welcome
SNAP EBT
Customers**

Fun for Kids



For information:
Odile Morrison (209) 256-6506
info@calaverasgrown.org



Dignity Health
Mark Twain Medical Center



UCCE 4-H Youth Development

Enrollment begins July 1 for 2018-19 - [Join Now](#)

Open to all Central Sierra 4-H

8-5: [Scholarships for Higher Education- Applications Due](#)

8-26: [California 4-H Management Board Committee-Applications Due](#)

Amador

Check their [Calendar & Events webpage](#).

Calaveras

8-7: [New Adult Volunteer Orientation](#)

Check their [Calendar & Events webpage](#).

El Dorado

8-27: [New Adult Volunteer Orientation](#)

Check their [Calendar & Events webpage](#).

Tuolumne

Check their [Calendar of Events webpage](#).





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Master Food Preserver

Classes & Events Offered by UCCE Master Food Preservers

Amador/Calaveras

8-11: [Tomatoes All Ways](#)

8-15: [Pressure Canning Basics](#)

El Dorado

8-18: [Pressure Canning](#)

8-23: [Tomatoes](#)

Classes & Workshops Offered by UCCE Master Gardeners



Monthly Gardening Tips

Amador

8-4: [Saving Seeds & Keeping a Garden Journal](#)

8-18: [Planning Your Fall & Winter Garden](#)

8-25: [Annual Tomato Tasting Event](#)

Calaveras

8-9: [CalaverasGrown Farmers Market](#)

8-25: [Open Garden](#)

El Dorado

8-8: [Developing a Vegetable garden in a Small Backyard Setting](#)

8-11: [Fall and Winter Vegetables & 2nd Saturday with Barry-
Open Garden Day](#)

8-25: [Shade Gardening](#)

Lake Tahoe

8-7: [South Lake Tahoe Library Garden Open House and Plant
Sale](#)

Tuolumne

8-4: [Open Garden: Building a Solar Dryer Food Dehydration with
Master Food Preservers Permaculture](#)



Classes & Events Offered by

UC CalFresh

AUGUST 29, 2017- HEALTHY SNACK DAY!!!

Amador

Please check back for events

Calaveras

8-7: [Eat Healthy, Be Active Class](#)

8-14: [Eat Healthy, Be Active Class](#)

8-21: [Eat Healthy, Be Active Class](#)

8-28: [Eat Healthy, Be Active Class](#)

El Dorado

8-7: [Sierra Wind Cooking Seasonally](#)
8-14: [Sierra Wind Cooking Seasonally](#)
8-21: [Sierra Wind Cooking Seasonally](#)
8-28: [Sierra Wind Cooking Seasonally](#)

Lake Tahoe

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Tuolumne

8-14: [Tuolumne Retail Store Event](#)

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Thank you for your continued interest in the UC Cooperative Extension Central Sierra's news, workshops, and events.

Sincerely,

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