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Hello!

Are you [ready for wildfire](#)? Central Sierra homes are at risk for wildfire, and the majority of homes that burn during wildfires are actually ignited by burning embers carried by wind and dropped on or near the house. To understand how this happens, watch "[Be Ember Aware](#)" produced by the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension. With fire season upon us, there's no better time to make sure your [home](#) and [landscape](#) are prepared for wildfires. Check out the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources' "[Fire in California](#)" website for helpful information.

In addition to wildfire preparedness, UCCE Central Sierra has much more to share this month! [Enrollment](#) for the 2023-2024 4-H program year kicks off on August 15th and the [Master Gardeners](#) and [Master Food Preservers](#) are hosting free classes to help you make the most of your summer harvest. Our advisors are currently seeking your input to ensure their programming addresses the topics and issues of greatest interest to you. So, if you are a forest landowner, grower, or livestock producer, please take a moment to provide your valuable feedback via the survey links below.

Sincerely,  
JoLynn Miller



**JoLynn Miller**  
Central Sierra Director &  
4-H YDP Advisor

University of California  
Cooperative Extension  
Central Sierra Nevada MCP



**Wildfire Home  
Retrofit Guide**

[Forest Products Survey](#)

[Growers Survey](#)

[Meat Processing Survey](#)



### Introduction to Prescribed Fire Workshop

Join us for a one-day workshop in South Lake Tahoe on August 12th to learn about prescribed fire application on private lands! Prescribed fire is a critical tool for managing working rangelands and forests in the Sierra Nevada. This workshop will focus on landowner-led efforts to reintroduce good fire into our landscape. The classroom-based workshop will include background on prescribed fire and a field trip to visit nearby prescribed burn units. [More Information](#)



California  
Department of  
Conservation



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**2023 UC Climate Stewards  
Certification Course**  
September 6 - November 8

The UC Climate Stewards seeks to foster a committed corps of volunteers ready to effectively engage in transformative local solutions to promote community and ecosystem resilience in a changing climate. This ten week course will introduce you to climate change communication, climate science, and community resilience planning, and more. [More Information](#)

**Register Now! 2023 SAF  
National Convention**  
October 25 - 28, 2023



The Society of American Foresters will host its 2023 National Convention in Sacramento, CA. This year's theme is "Forest: It's in Our DNA", featuring a series of field tours, workshops, scientific and technical sessions, and exhibits that showcase the latest technology and address today's challenges and opportunities in the forest sector. Early-bird registration is open from now through August 31. [More Information](#)



### Forest research and outreach compiles forestry voices in ...

For the past four years, Kim Ingram has been listening closely to the private forest landowners who participate in her Forest Stewardship Workshop series. During the workshops, landowners share their experiences clearing thickets of vegetation,...

[Read more](#)  
ucanr.edu



[View Forest Stewardship Story Map](#)

*Forests and woodlands in the Central Sierra Nevada are beautiful, extensive, diverse, and owned by both public and private landowners. Active management is needed to reduce forest density and to help forests recover after wildfire. The goal of the Central Sierra forestry program is to empower landowners to overcome these challenges.*



To better serve Central Sierra, especially on the topics of forest fuel reduction and climate change mitigation, we invite you to complete a [survey](#) that will help me better understand your perspectives on the utilization of woody biomass and forest products. Your feedback will ensure that our programming accurately addresses the needs and topics of greatest interest.

[Take Woody Biomass & Forest Products Survey](#)



### Successful "Virtual Fence" Workshop in Amador County

On July 13th, in Sutter Creek, we had our Virtual Fencing (VF) workshop. As a reminder, Virtual Fencing (VF) is an alternative to traditional physical fences which has the potential to enhance the efficiency of grazing management. Ranchers create virtual fence boundaries in a digital map software, like Google Maps, that communicate through cell service or radio towers with GPS collars worn by the livestock.

During the workshop, participants heard from representatives from three different VF companies, four ranchers, and researchers from the UC ANR...

[Read More](#)



### UCCE Central Sierra Seeks Perspectives of Local Growers

UCCE Central Sierra Farm Advisor Hardeep Singh has created a survey to gather information about your needs regarding niche and organic crop production, insect-pest management, resource sustainability, appropriate-scale equipment, technology, and marketing. We encourage all farmers who grow tree crops, vegetables, fruits, berries, and ornamentals to participate in the survey and contribute as foundational members of the local food system and community. The survey is voluntary, anonymous, and will take just a few minutes to complete. Please contact [Hardeep Singh](#) with any questions or concerns.

[Take Growers Survey](#)

*"The Central Sierra foothill region produces a wide variety of agriculture commodities. The University of California brings research and outreach to area farms to assist with growing and cultural practices, pest and disease management, and more!"*



## Proposed USDA Meat Processing Facility in the Central Sierra

It is difficult for livestock producers in the Central Sierra to access USDA inspected processing facilities near their ranches. UCCE Livestock and Natural Resources Advisor Flavie Audoin, recently met with a core group of stakeholders in Tuolumne and Calaveras counties to discuss the potential for a USDA Meat Processing Facility in the Central Sierra.

During this exploratory phase it is important to understand the needs of Central Sierra livestock producers (you)\*. If feedback results show there is enough volume to justify moving forward, size and scope of the project will be decided following subsequent surveys and public meetings.

When taking the [survey](#), please provide the most accurate answer to each question, especially in regards to volume/numbers, and take into consideration that this facility could take a few years to fund and build.

Please submit your [survey](#) response no later than August 31st. Thank you!

***\*This survey is intended for cattle, sheep, goat, and pig livestock producers only. No poultry or other livestock will be processed through the facility (if approved) at this time. Only sum totals will be released, any personal information collected is CONFIDENTIAL and WILL NOT BE SHARED.***



**PROPOSED  
USDA MEAT PROCESSING  
FACILITY**

**SURVEY**

If you are a livestock producer, and you are interested in having a USDA Meat Processing facility in the Central Sierra, please fill out this survey **before August 31st 2023**.

This survey is intended for livestock producers only (cattle, sheep, goat, and pig).

As the project moves forward, we will have public meetings.

[HTTPS://UCANR.EDU/USDAMEATPROCESSING](https://ucanr.edu/usdameatprocessing)

QUESTIONS? CONTACT FLAVIE AUDOIN AT [FAUDOIN@UCANR.EDU](mailto:FAUDOIN@UCANR.EDU)

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**Take USDA Meat Processing Facility Survey**



## JOIN THE CLUB

**Enrollment for the 2023-2024 Program Year begins August 15th**

Would you like to be notified when 4-H enrollment opens? Join our interest list and be the first to know!

**JOIN 4-H INTEREST LIST**

## NOW HIRING

### 4-H COMMUNITY EDUCATION SPECIALIST 2

JACKSON | AMADOR COUNTY

50% Variable  
JOB ID 55806



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**UCCE Central Sierra 4-H Website**

**UCCE Central Sierra 4-H eNews**



## 4-H Volunteers Make it Happen!

As we wind-down the county fair season we are also reflecting on all of the amazing help, creativity, and joy our 4-H volunteers bring to our program and community.

During the Amador County Fair, the Volunteer Management Board had the opportunity to recognize one of our outstanding adult volunteers, Anna Jones Williams. Anna not only leads and co-leads several projects for her club, she is most importantly always willing to help and support all of our youth members. You will find her helping teach kids how to ear tag their covies, groom their rabbits, create and display their art, and provided time and space for all of them to relax and enjoy each other's company. Anna brings more than just project learning to our program, she has helped create a culture of caring, supporting each other, and a level of comfort that enables our members to try new things and learn from each other.

### Are you interested in helping youth grow and achieve?

Add your name to our [Interest List](#) and 4-H staff member will contact you.

## Central Sierra UCCE Master Gardeners of Central Sierra



### Tuolumne Open Garden August 5 | 10:00AM - 1:00PM

[Cassina High School Campus](#)

Open Garden Days are held on the first Saturday of the month, from February through November, rain or shine. Join us this month for presentations on Summer Pruning and Winter Vegetable Gardening.



### Efficient Irrigation & Drip Irrigation Design: *What you wish you knew!* August 22 | 6:00PM - 7:30PM

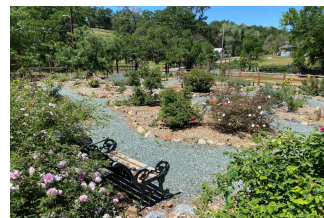
[SLT Public Utility District](#)

Summer is in full swing, and so is the Tahoe Friendly Garden Workshop Series! The series, hosted by South Tahoe Public Utility (District) and Tahoe Master Gardeners, offers a fun and free opportunity for Tahoe residents to learn how to design and maintain a beautiful, water-wise landscape.

### Amador Open Garden Day August 19, 2023 | 8:30AM - 10:30AM

[Motherlode Land Trust C & C Ranch](#)

Come out and meet the Master Gardeners! Ask questions about gardening or get a tour. We will have the Heritage Rose Garden, Compost Area, Food Gardens and Propagation House open for viewing!



### UC MASTER GARDENERS OF AMADOR COUNTY PUBLIC EDUCATION CLASS

#### FALL PLANTING

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2023

9:00AM-12:00PM

C&C RANCH & COMMUNITY GARDEN  
1334 JACKSON GATE RD  
JACKSON, CA 95642

Even though it is still hot outside, August is the time to start thinking about your fall and winter gardens. This class will provide information so you can get a good start towards a bountiful harvest.



#### PRESENTATIONS WILL INCLUDE

- what and when to plant
- how to start seedlings
- taking advantage of the summer crop
- nurturing the soil
- pollinators

**WE recommend bringing a chair, hat, and water to the class.**



THE HERITAGE ROSE GARDEN WILL ALSO BE OPEN FROM 8:30-10:30 AND WILL BE SHOWING HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR ROSES IN THE FALL. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO COME EARLY OR VISIT THE ROSE GARDEN ON OUR BREAK.



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30th Anniversary Season

## AMADOR FARMERS MARKET

2023

**SUTTER CREEK FARMERS MARKET**  
SATURDAYS • 9am – 12pm  
MAY 20 – OCTOBER 14  
MAIN STREET

**IONE FARMERS MARKET**  
WEDNESDAYS • 5 – 8pm  
JUNE 7 – AUGUST 30  
TRAIN PARK, N. CHURCH STREET  
(between the meat and the money)

**PLYMOUTH FARMERS MARKET**  
THURSDAYS • 5 – 8pm  
AUGUST 3 – SEPTEMBER 28  
MCGEE PARK, MAIN STREET

AMADORFARMERSMARKET.COM

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## 2024 UCCE Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program Amador County and El Dorado County



The University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) invites adults interested in helping others learn about gardening and landscaping to apply to train as a Master Gardener volunteer. UC Master Gardener volunteers learn University-based scientific information and then share that knowledge with the community. Master Gardener volunteers are people of all ages and from all walks of life with a common desire to help others learn about sustainable landscape and gardening.

**Who Can Apply?**





- Any resident of El Dorado or Amador counties.
- Need to Know**
  - Training will take place virtually and in both Amador and El Dorado counties.
  - Applicants need internet access; most communication will be through email and websites.
  - Instruction will include hands on labs, projects, homework, exams, and lecture.

#### How to Apply

- Sign up on our [Training Interest List](#)
- Attend one of our October 2023 orientation meetings to learn about the Master Gardener Program, our community involvement, and your participation requirements. RSVP to an orientation meeting.
- Application will open mid-October and be due before November 1, 2023.

Register for an  
Orientation Meeting

For more information visit our [website](#) or email [Tracy Celio](#).



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## TOMATO TASTING CONTEST

**FREE TO ENTER**

**AUGUST 26**  
SUTTER CREEK MARKET

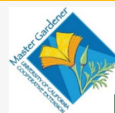
Enter 8:30-9:30am  
Judging 10am  
Winners Announced ~11:30am  
Followed By Public Tasting

To enter, bring at least one washed tomato of each variety (or at least 10 cherry tomatoes)

**Prizes Awarded For:**  
Heaviest Tomato  
Best Tasting Red Tomato  
Best Tasting Non-red Tomato  
Best Tasting Cherry Tomato

**Sutter Health**  
Supporting growers of the 2023  
Amador Farmers Market season

AMADORFARMERSMARKET.COM



Master Gardeners  
of Calaveras County

## Demo Garden Open Thursdays 9am to 1pm

- EXPLORE THE GARDEN
- GET LOCAL GARDENING ADVICE
- FREE SEED EXCHANGE
- SHARE IN GARDEN HARVEST
- PLANTS FOR SALE

Master Gardeners Demonstration Garden  
891 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas

Questions? 209-754-2880

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**Tuolumne County Master Gardener  
Information Booth Locations**



### Master Gardeners Go to Market

Visit with El Dorado County UCCE Master Gardener volunteers at both the El Dorado Hills and Placerville farmers markets! Bring your questions and garden conversations. Local vegetable planting guides are available for \$5 as well as other UC gardening books. Check out the [calendar](#) for dates/times.

**Open Garden Days**  
**Every Friday & Saturday | 9:00AM-12:00PM**  
[Sherwood Demonstration Garden, Placerville](#)

Need garden inspiration? There are [16 individual demonstrations gardens](#) ranging from the Shade Garden to the Rock Garden and everything in between.

Master Gardeners are committed to educating the general public on sustainable horticulture and pest management based on traditional, current, and evolving research.

[Sherwood Demonstration Garden](#) is designed to provide the public with a hands-on, interactive experience about research-based, sustainable gardening practices specific to the west slope of El Dorado County, appropriate for all ages and cultures, and reflective of a variety of environments and gardening experiences.



Please visit our [Calendar of Events](#) to download a flyer with all of our fun garden activities this month.

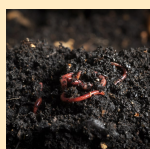
## Free Public Education Classes presented by UCCE Master Gardeners

**Turning Dirt  
into Gold**



**August 9**  
(Placerville)

**Compost &  
Worm Bins**



**August 17**  
(Jackson)

**Fall & Winter  
Vegetables**



**August 19**  
(Placerville)

**Guide to Fall  
Planting**



**August 19**  
(Jackson)

**Gardening with  
Native Plants**



**August 26**  
(Placerville)



## Growing Without Water

Although probably impossible to grow plants with NO water, our recent high temperatures cause us to reflect on how best to use water resources in our gardens

[Read more](#)  
www.mymotherlode.com

# Water, Weeds & When to Pick

for kid gardeners

Two sessions  
Saturday Aug. 5  
9 am or 10 am

**FREE!**  
[Register Now!](#)

[ucanr.edu/kids-water-n-weeds](http://ucanr.edu/kids-water-n-weeds)

at the Sherwood Demonstration Garden 6699 Campus Dr. Placerville, behind the Folsom Lake Campus

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Connect with UCCE Master Gardeners Near You!



## Questions About Food Preservation?

Ask a UC Master Food Preserver online, any time! Visit our [website](#) for [e-news](#), [event updates](#), [recipes](#), and [class schedules](#).



### Canning Basics: Pickling



August 1  
6:00PM - 8:00PM  
Online via ZOOM

[WATCH NOW](#)

### Beginner's Guide to Cheesemaking



August 12  
9:00AM - 12:00PM  
[UCCE Placerville](#)

[REGISTER](#)

### Tomatoes and Peppers



August 16  
6:30PM - 8:00PM  
Online via ZOOM

[REGISTER](#)

### Make & Take: Pickles



August 12  
8:00AM - 5:00PM  
[UCCE Jackson](#)

[REGISTER](#)

### The Joy of Steam Juicing



August 26  
9:30AM - 11:30PM  
[UCCE Placerville](#)

[REGISTER](#)



August brings many types of ripening produce to the Central Sierra, but some of the most striking summer colors and flavors come from peppers. Peppers come in sweet varieties, which include but aren't limited to bell peppers, and spicy varieties, which are also known as chiles. Few foods offer as much variety in color, shape, and flavor as peppers do, so look out for less common types in local markets or when...

[Read More About Peppers](#)

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[Swahili Tomato Salad](#)



## Bell Peppers - Have A Plant

Bell Peppers are available fresh, frozen and canned for good nutrition and convenience. If selecting fresh, choose firm, brightly colored peppers with tight sk...

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[fruitsandveggies.org](http://fruitsandveggies.org)



[Cooking with Peppers](#)



HOTM Peppers



[Ceviche inspired by 'Otai](#)  
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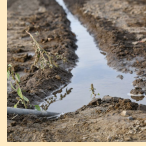
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