



## Sausages and Deli Meats *plus* Apple, Pears and More

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Sausage made your way. There is nothing like personalizing your own Italian-style sausage with the herbs and spices YOU love. How about your own home cured corned beef or salami? Join the UCCE Master Food Preservers of El Dorado County on Saturday, August 29, 2015 for a FREE public class on preserving meat.

UCCE Master Food Preserver Gene Kendall will demonstrate how to safely preserve meat, poultry and fish multiple ways, such as canning, dehydrating, curing and smoking. Explore the various types of casings for sausages and cures for deli meats. Maybe you are a sport fisherman. In this class Gene will show you how to preserve your catch. Home canned tuna or salmon is awesome! The class will be at the Board Room at the El Dorado County Fairgrounds, from 10am-12pm.

But wait, there's more!

Are you inundated with apples and pears from your own garden? Apples and pears do very well in our county; we are famous for our Apple Hill area, are we not? On Tuesday, September 1, 2015 from 9am-12pm in the Board Room at the El Dorado County Fairgrounds, the UCCE Master Food Preservers and Master Gardeners are teaming up for a FREE joint class, *Apple, Pears and More: From Garden To Table*.

Yes, it's a two-fer! Master Gardener Pam Lane will discuss how to care for pome trees (apples, pears, quince) including fertilization techniques, major pests and diseases, and pruning techniques. Then Master Food Preservers Summer Brasuel, Betty Hess Pierce and Mary Grove will show you what to do with all the bounty those well cared for trees provide.

UCCE Master Food Preservers are available to answer home food preservation questions; leave a message at (530)621-5506 and a Master Food Preserver will return your call. The Master Food

Preservers are also available to speak to organizations and clubs about food safety or food preservation topics. Just call the number above to arrange for a speaker for small or large groups. For more information about the public education classes and activities, go to the UCCE Master Food Preserver website at <http://ucanr.edu/edmfp>. Sign up to receive our international E-Newsletter at <http://ucanr.org/mfpnews/>. Find us on Facebook, too (UCCE Master Food Preservers of El Dorado County).