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Greetings!

Summer is just about here and 4-H camp is just around the corner. The kids are going to have a blast. If you haven't checked out the new Field Guide: Weeds, Forages, and Natives of the Central Sierra Nevada below, please do. It is 175 pages full of information about invasive weeds as well as grasses, trees and shrubs, and what you need to know about the use of pesticides. You can view it on your smart phones while out in the field or yard. It's very user friendly.



JoLynn Miller

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Local Position Vacancy

Area CE Livestock & Natural Resources Advisor

Serving Calaveras, Tuolumne, Amador and El Dorado counties

This position is headquartered in Sonora, Tuolumne County, California.

POSITION PURPOSE: The Area Cooperative Extension (CE) advisor for livestock and natural resources will conduct a multi-county based extension, education and applied research program that will focus on livestock production systems including grazing management, pasture management, nutrition, herd health, animal husbandry, genetic selection, reproduction, and marketing. This position will have a strong animal husbandry focus and will contribute to a more complete and balanced team throughout the region. The natural resource component of this position will focus on developing effective solutions to issues relating to commercial livestock production systems and natural resource issues such as water quality, rangeland health, wildlife habitat, and public lands management.

For more information and application process see the [Area CE Livestock & Natural Resources Advisor details](#).

Farm Day in El Dorado County

On May 7, 2019 El Dorado Ag in the Classroom held their annual Farm Day at the El Dorado County Fairgrounds. Over 1,400 third grade students came out to visit various hands-on educational stations featuring agriculture. Station topics are rich and diverse; ranging from local produce, nutrition, natural resources, and more.

Students are bused to the fairgrounds and visit seven stations throughout the day. Stations are presented by local and state organizations, businesses, and private persons. University of California Cooperative Extension had representatives from Master Gardeners, Master Food Preservers, and 4-H. This year there were over 64 stations and 200 volunteers. All of this is made possible by local sponsors and volunteers. El Dorado Ag in the Classroom also organizes a Farm Day in South Lake Tahoe each September.



To learn more about El Dorado Ag in the Classroom and Farm Day, visit: agintheclass-edc.org.

Small Producer Egg Safety & Quality Management Workshop

Tuolumne County Department of Ag and CDFA, Egg Safety and Quality Management Program invites you to join us for an outreach and educational workshop!

Who Can Attend: Anyone producing eggs or anyone interested in producing eggs that resides in Tuolumne, Calaveras, Mariposa, Merced, Sacramento, San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties.

What: Info for Egg Producers, Intro to Chickens, Biosecurity, Hands on Candling Exercise, Poultry Disease, and Egg Quality

Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Time: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Location: Tuolumne County Emergency Operations Center, 18440 Striker Ct, Sonora, CA

[Register online.](#)



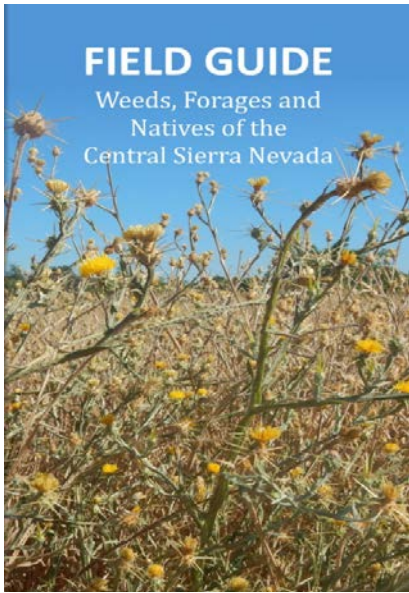
Wheelbarrows of Fun! - Entries in the County Fair

Agricultural fairs have been part of our country's social fabric since its beginning, bringing communities together to buy, sell and trade. Always festive occasions, fairs evolved into social events combining commerce and lively competition. As time passed education and technology became important as well. County fairs are a part of Americana; a part of our tradition and our culture. Our El Dorado County Fair embodies all these qualities.

Fair competitions are fun and educational. Kids and adults bring their animals, plants, produce, and preserved foods, as well as various other home arts, like fiber arts, quilting, woodworking, and photography, to show them off and to compete.

This year's El Dorado County Fair will be held June 13-16. UCCE Master Gardeners of El Dorado County invite you to participate in this year's horticulture competitions. Do you have a favorite houseplant that friends compliment and admire? Enter it in the fair! Do you have some early blooming cutting flowers? Enter a few stems in the fair! Maybe you have some early season produce from your garden, such as garlic, onions, herbs, strawberries, plums, or apricots. Enter them in the fair! Maybe have a friendly inter-family competition between parents and kids and see who brings home a ribbon! [Continue reading...](#)





New Field Guide

Weeds, Forages, and Natives of the Central Sierra Nevada

Free copies are available now, at our UCCE County offices. Or Click image for eBook.

Amador Office: Monday - Thursday, 9am - 1pm:
209-223-6482

Calaveras Office: Monday - Friday, 8am - 4:30pm:
209-754-6477

El Dorado Office: Monday - Friday, 8am - 5pm:
530-621-5502

Tuolumne Office: Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm:
209-533-5695

Three Simple Ways to Attract More Pollinators to Your Garden

Pollination is the act of transferring pollen grains from the male part of a flower, known as the anther, to the female part of the flower known as the stigma. This allows plants to reproduce to make seeds, and in the process, many of the fruits, vegetables, and grains we enjoy eating. Wind and water are only responsible for pollinating twenty percent of the plants in need of pollination, the other eighty percent requires a visit by a pollinator. Attracting pollinators such as bees, butterflies, wasps, beetles, moths, beneficial flies, hummingbirds and bats is essential for your garden if you want to grow vegetables or fruit. Pollinators are considered keystone species, meaning that a large number of other plants and animals are dependent on them in order to reproduce or eat. Three out of every five bites of food that you consume are due to the activities of a pollinator. Without their activities most of our crops would be unable to reproduce or provide the fruits, vegetables, and grains that we rely on to feed ourselves and our animals. Without pollinators you can say goodbye to watermelons, tomatoes, cabbage, strawberries, coffee, chocolate and just about every other vegetable or fruit. Even grains like alfalfa, used for animal feed, need pollination to produce seeds. Here are three simple ways to increase the number of pollinators that visit your garden. [Continue reading...](#)



Classes & Event Dates

[UCCE 4-H Youth Development](#)

Enrollment is open for 2018-19 program year - [Join Now](#)

6-27-30: [2019 California State 4-H Horse Classic and Horse Bowl Contest](#)

Volunteer Training - Look for New Adult Volunteer Training beginning in July.

Amador

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



Calaveras

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

El Dorado

6-13 - 16: [El Dorado County Fair](#)

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

Tuolumne

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Classes & Events Offered by [UCCE Master Food Preservers](#)

Amador/Calaveras

6-19: [Pressure Canning Basics - Amador](#)

6-22: [Getting Ready to Preserve - Calaveras](#)

El Dorado

6-13 - 16: [Visit us at the County Fair](#)

6-29: [Sweat Treats: Jams & Jellies](#)

South Lake Tahoe

6-3: [Fruit: Preserve It, Serve It](#)

6-18: [Vegetables: Preserve & Serve](#)

Mariposa County

6-29: [Jr. Jams & Jellies Youth Workshop](#)

Mariposa County

[Jr. Jams & Jellies Free Youth Workshop - Saturday, June 29, 2019](#)

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Jr. Jams & Jellies

A FREE EVENT FOR YOUTH AGES 5 TO 18

- Kids learn to make low-sugar jelly and enter it in the fair that day!
- Pick the type of low-sugar jelly you want to make (apple, grape, pomegranate or orange); everything is provided.
- Pre-registration required, see link below.
- Sign up for one 45-minute session between 10am - 3pm; limit 5 kids per session, one session per child.

Food Preservation Classes - South Lake Tahoe

Fruit: Preserve It, Serve It

Date: Monday, June 3, 9am to 3pm

Location: South Lake Tahoe Library

[Details and Registration.](#)

Vegetables: Preserve & Serve


Date: Tuesday, June 18, 9am to 3pm

Location: South Lake Tahoe Library

[Details and Registration.](#)

Do the sights and smells from local farmers markets give you visions of plums dancing in your head? Would you like to liven up your meals during winter's dreary days?

UC Master Food Preservers can help.



Fruit: Preserve It, Serve It

Let us show you how to make pickles from your fruits. (Yes, fruit pickles!)

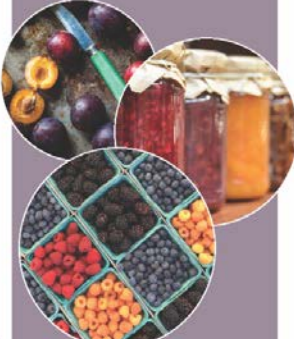
How about making quick freezer jam so you can turn it into an upside down cake later?

Wouldn't you like to add delicious fruit to your morning cereal? We'll show you how to freeze and dry fruit to get the best quality possible.

Learn how to can your own pie fillings, chutneys, and even syrups.

How about your breakfasts and desserts: are they lacking something? We'll show you the basics of making jams and jellies to use for more than toast and pbj sandwiches.

If you're not excited yet, we'll share ideas for holiday gifts such as spiced apple rings, flavored vinegars, and fruit sauces.



- SWEET & SAVORY USES
- FREEZE & DEHYDRATE
- PICKLE
- PIE FILLINGS
- JAMS AND JELLIES
- VINEGARS
- SAUCES, SYRUPS AND SO MUCH MORE.

DATE: Monday, June 3, 2019 **TIME:** 9am - 3pm
(Check-in begins at 8:30; workshop starts promptly at 9:00.)

LOCATION: South Lake Tahoe Library
1000 Rufus Allen Blvd, South Lake Tahoe,

CLASS FEE: \$15, light lunch or dinner included


REGISTER: <http://ucanr.edu/fruit-june3>

MORE INFO: Robin Cleveland at
530-621-5528 or rkleveland@ucanr.edu

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Are you overwhelmed with summer's bounty of vegetables? Would you like to liven up your meals during winter's dreary days?

UC Master Food Preservers can help.



Vegetables: Preserve & Serve

Let us show you how to make gourmet pickles from your vegetables.

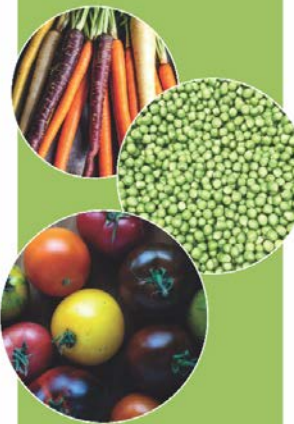
Learn how and why you should pressure can your vegetables and soups.

Learn how to make versatile vegetable powders.

We'll incorporate a few simple hands-on activities to keep you focused and provide a light meal mid-way through the class.

You'll leave with lots of recipes and ideas to try on your own at home.

- FREEZE & DEHYDRATE
- PICKLE
- SAVORY JAMS & JELLIES
- SAUCES, & SOUPS



DATE: Tuesday, June 18, 2019 **TIME:** 9am - 3pm
(Check-in begins at 8:30; workshop starts promptly at 9:00.)

LOCATION: South Lake Tahoe Library
1000 Rufus Allen Blvd, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

CLASS FEE: \$15, light lunch or dinner included

REGISTER: <http://ucanr.edu/vegetable-june18>

MORE INFO: contact Robin
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Check their [Classes & Events webpage](#).

[Tuolumne](#)

6-1: [Kids' Day in the Garden - Plant Sale](#)



Harvest of the Month



Cucumbers are coming into season now, and are one of the best items to buy fresh at local stores and farmers markets. Look for unique varieties such as small, round lemon cucumbers or long, light green Armenian cucumbers. Any kind of cucumber is a good source of potassium and can be eaten raw with [dips](#), or in [sandwiches](#), [wraps](#), and [salads](#). Learn more about cucumbers and view their nutrition facts at [Harvest of the Month](#).



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El Dorado
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Lake Tahoe
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Tuolumne
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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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