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New Soil Health YouTube Channel and Western Cover Crop Survey

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UCCE Agronomy Advisor Sarah Light and Colusa RCD Executive Director Liz Harper have launched a new Healthy Soils YouTube channel. Every two weeks they will be interviewing guests about soil health topics that are relevant to the Sacramento Valley.



Have a topic of interest? Send it to Sarah and she will try to find a speaker who can address it at an upcoming show!

You can follow the channel, and watch Episode 0 (intro) and Episode 1 (with guests Emily James (Davis Ranches), Alyssa DeVincentis (UC Davis), and Victor Briones (NRCS/Colusa RCD). In Episode 1 we discuss some of the existing soil health projects in the region as well as a new cover crop cost/benefit calculator from UC Davis that was just launched.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRI4IXL4f_ro_Flnp4lu6IA

Western Cover Crop Survey - Also, please consider participating in a survey being conducted by the newly formed Western Cover Crop Council:

Please take an [important survey](#) about cover crops to help improve outreach and inform cover crop incentive programs to better serve farmers. Did you know the Western region now has a cover crops council? The Western Cover Crops Council aims to promote the successful use of cover crops in our diverse agricultural systems. In order to do that, we are asking farmers/ranchers like YOU to share your perspectives on cover crops. Whether you plant them now, planted them in the past or have not ever planted them—your perspective is important!

The survey is being conducted by partners at the University of Idaho, Oregon State University, and Boise State University with funding from the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (SARE). This brief survey will take approximately 5-10 minutes to complete. The survey is confidential, and your responses cannot be linked to you. Upon completion you will have the opportunity to enter a drawing for one of 10, \$50 Amazon gift cards. Odds of winning are approximately 1 in 75.

Please take a few minutes and share your thoughts, experience, and expertise with us! It is only with help from farmers like you that we can understand how to best guide cover crop programs for the west.

[Here is a link to the survey.](#)

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