

December, 2024

Dear Friends of UCCE Sutter-Yuba,

2024 has been an incredible year, full of exciting projects, memorable events, and new connections! We're grateful to our collaborators and community partners, as none of this would have been achievable without your support.

Here are a few of the highlights:

New hires:

- ◆ **Area Director** - Preet Ahluwalia (*Sutter, Yuba, Butte, Colusa, Glenn Counties*)
- ◆ **Livestock & Natural Resources Advisor** - Andrea Northrop-Warner (*Placer, Nevada, Sutter, Yuba Counties*)
- ◆ **4-H Regional Program Coordinator** - Mary Zoller (*Shasta, Trinity, Tehama, Butte, Glenn, Colusa, Sutter, Yuba Counties*)

In 2024, UCCE Sac Valley Orchard Advisors, including Clarissa Reyes, began hosting **Third Thursdays: Things from the Field**. These small group sessions are open to anyone working with orchards, providing an opportunity to meet local farm advisors, explore seasonal management strategies for field challenges, and ask UCCE Specialists questions about their operations.

The **Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP)** teamed up with Sutter Adult School to provide nutrition and physical activity education series for 84 participants learning English as a second language. Throughout six lessons, participants actively took part and were awarded a certificate of completion.

Our **Forestry Education** program, in partnership with the California Society of American Foresters, hosted the Forestry Institute for Teachers (FIT) for California educators. FIT provides week-long training for PreK-12 educators on forest management and related careers, including lesson plan development, stipends, and certifications in PLT and WET. This year, four sessions trained 99 educators from 28 counties across the state.

Your support empowers our advisors, community education specialists, and volunteers to make a real impact. We collaborate closely with our local community partners to identify and address the challenges we all face. By giving today, you'll ensure our team has the resources needed to continue serving our community, as we've been doing for over 100 years.

Thank you for your generosity,



Whitney Brim-DeForest
Outgoing County Director, 2019-2024

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"It's an honor to join Sutter-Yuba UCCE, where UC ANR and the Sutter and Yuba communities have shared a long history. I'm eager to learn from this deep partnership and work alongside you to support the next generation of farmers and community members for years to come."



Preet Ahluwalia
Area Director

Every dollar you invest in UC Cooperative Extension Sutter-Yuba Counties will remain in our counties!

UCCE Sutter-Yuba

Area Director

Preet Ahluwalia

UCCE Sutter-Yuba Advisors

Whitney Brim-DeForest, Rice and Wild Rice Advisor

Sarah Light, Agronomy Farm Advisor

Clarissa Reyes, Orchard Systems Advisor

Ricky Satomi, Forestry and Natural Resources Advisor

Cross-County Advisors

Franz Niederholzer, Orchard Systems Advisor

Sudan Gyawaly, Integrated Pest Management Advisor

Betsy Karle, Dairy Advisor

Dan Macon, Livestock and Natural Resources Advisor

Andrea Northrop-Warner, Livestock and Natural Resources Advisor

Matthew Rodriguez, 4-H Youth Development Advisor

Veronica Van Cleave-Hunt, Community Nutrition, Health and Food Security Advisor

UCCE Sutter-Yuba Staff

Melissa Ussery, CalFresh Nutrition Education Supervisor

Kenia Estrada, CalFresh Community Education Specialist II

Adam Yandel, CalFresh Community Education Specialist II

Sonia Rodriguez, EFNEP Community Education Specialist II

Mary Zoller, 4-H Regional Program Coordinator

Taiyu Guan, Assistant Specialist

Troy Clark, Jr. Specialist

Consuelo Baez Vega, Jr. Specialist

Vanessa Varela, Jr. Specialist

Victor Barragan, Ag Technician

Jaskirat Pandher, Ag Technician

Justin Todd, Rice Intern

Clair Akin, Cover Crop Tool Selection Coordinator

Heather Montgomery, Climate Smart Agriculture Community Education Specialist III

Austin Roughton, Forestry Youth Education Coordinator

County Staff

Michele Searcy, Executive Secretary/Office Manager

Rene McCrory, 4-H Secretary/Office Assistant III

Cheryl Hoke, Master Gardener Program Cooperative Education Specialist

Shilpi Pandit, Office Assistant I

Sierra Jefferson, Office Assistant I



We Appreciate Your Continued Support!

