

## **Reminder!**

### **Nickels Field Day: Thursday, May 12, 2011**

The initial subjective forecast for the 2011 almond crop in California was released on Thursday, May 5. See the whole document on line at:

([http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/California/Publications/Fruits\\_and\\_Nuts/201105almpd.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/California/Publications/Fruits_and_Nuts/201105almpd.pdf)). The crop is expected to be 1.75 billion pounds, a 6% increase from last year's large crop. The estimated production/acre, statewide, for 2011 is 2330 pounds. Increasing total bearing acreage and tens of thousands of acres of non-bearing trees currently in the ground suggest there will be increasing economic pressure on almond growers.

What can growers do to stay competitive in these challenging times? Part of the answer, at least, is to stay current with almond management practices and new variety/rootstock options. Where can you take a big step towards this goal in less than one day? Attend the Nickels Field Day in Arbuckle on Thursday, May 12 co-sponsored by the University of California and the Leslie J. Nickels Trust. The agenda includes talks on maximizing yield per acre, new rootstock and pollinizer varieties, managing disease and pollinization under poor conditions, frost control, and irrigation monitoring. Coffee and donuts are available before the meeting, courtesy of Farm Credit Services of Colusa-Glenn. Lunch is available at the door for \$15, with all proceeds benefiting the FFA of Pierce High School, Arbuckle, CA. Mark Jansen, President and CEO of Blue Diamond Growers will be the lunch speaker. Equipment demonstrations by Flory Industries and Weiss-McNair will follow lunch. A full agenda and directions to the meeting are included in the e-mail newsletter. We hope to see you there!

# 34th Annual Nickels Field Day

Thursday, May 12, 2011  
Nickels Soil Lab  
Marine Avenue, Arbuckle  
(map on reverse side)

## 8:30 a.m. — Registration

Coffee and Danish provided by Farm Credit Services of Colusa-Glenn, ACA

## 9:00 a.m. — Field Topics:

- **Pollination under less than ideal conditions** - Eric Mussen, Extension Apiculturist, Entomology Dept, UC Davis
- **Foliar disease research review** - Jim Adaskaveg, Professor, Plant Pathology Dept, UC Riverside
- **Pollenizers to enhance Nonpareil yield and increase economic return** - John Edstrom, UC Farm Advisor emeritus, UCCE Colusa County
- **Frost control practices in almonds** - Rick Snyder, Extension Specialist, Land, Air & Water Resources Dept, UC Davis
- **Soil moisture monitoring options** - Allan Fulton, UC Farm Advisor, UCCE Tehama County
- **Maximizing yield/acre in almonds** - Bruce Lampinen, Extension Specialist, Plant Sciences Dept, UC Davis
- **New options for almond rootstocks** - Roger Duncan, UC Farm Advisor, UCCE Stanislaus County
- **Almond yield hangovers: how long does it take to recover from a single year of drought?** - Ken Shackel, Professor, Plant Sciences Dept, UC Davis

12:15 pm — **Lunch** by reservation, proceeds to benefit the Pierce FFA Program

- **Luncheon Speaker** - Mark Jansen, President and CEO of Blue Diamond Growers
- **Equipment Demonstration will follow Mr. Jansen's presentation and will begin at 1:30 p.m.**

**No PCA credits. CCA credits pending.**

# LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

**Cost:**                                \$12.00/person (Prepaid Reservation)  
    \$15.00/person at the door

**Make checks payable to:**        Arbuckle FFA

**Mail to:**                                Cooperative Extension  
    P.O. Box 180  
    Colusa, CA 95932

<b>Name:</b>		
<b>Address:</b>		
<b>City:</b>	<b>State:</b>	<b>Zip:</b>
<b>Email:</b>		<b>Phone:</b>
<b>Name(s) of Attendees(s):</b>		
<b>Total Amount Enclosed:</b>		<b>\$</b>

**Please return this form & your check by May 9th to receive the discounted price.**

To REDDING

COLUSA

WILLIAMS

To YUBA CITY

Hillgate Ave.

ARBUCKLE (College City EXIT)

Wagner

1 Mile  
Widwood Rd.

2.3 Miles

GREENBAY RD.

CALIFORNIA AVE.

MARINE AVE.

I-5

Nickels Soil Lab

2.2 Miles  
Widwood Rd.

Road 84

County Line Road

County Line Road EXIT

To  
Sacramento

