



Orchard Notes

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FIELD MEETING COVER CROPPING, NUTRIENT AND WEED MANAGEMENT IN A NO-TILL ORGANIC CLING PEACH ORCHARD

Thursday, May 5, 2005, 10:00 am – 11:30 am

Pantaleoni Orchards

West end of O'Brien in Gridley (See directions below)

Have you thought about planting cover crops? How do planted cover crops compare to resident vegetation in biomass production and nutrition management? How has the planted cover crop performed over the last four years? How does composted chicken manure or yard waste work as a nitrogen source? How do you control weeds in an organic orchard? How much do these practices cost? These are some of the questions that will be answered at our field meeting site which is a 5th leaf peach orchard that is certified organic. Whether you are an organic, considering organic or conventional grower, there will be information you can use. We encourage you to attend if you are considering planting a cover crop in your orchard.

Topics will include cover crop and weed control treatments at this site, cover cropping with legumes and grasses, the effects of composted chicken manure and yard waste on tree and soil nutrients and treatment cost comparisons. The grower will also be available to answer questions

Speakers include:

*Janine Hasey, UC Farm Advisor, Sutter and Yuba Counties
Roland Meyer, Extension Soil Scientist, LAWR Dept., UC Davis
Pete Livingston, Staff Research Associate, Agricultural and
Resource Economics Dept, UC Davis
Darin Pantaleoni - Grower*

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DIRECTIONS: Going north on Highway 99, go east (right) at Nielson, north (left) at Gilstrap Road and west (left) at O'Brien to the end of road. Look for the yellow UCCE signs.



In case of rain or if special accommodations are needed, please call our office at 822-7515.