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May 1, 2003

Dear California Dried Plum grower and allied industry personnel,

In late May and early June the University of California Farm Advisors, who have been conducting the research on the Integrated Prune Farming Practices (IPFP) program, are providing a “University of California Cooperative Extension Prune Pest and Orchard Management Short Course.” The course, which will be offered in six locations around California, is designed to provide instruction on pest, nutrient and irrigation monitoring techniques that have been researched over many years. Meeting attendees will learn how they can monitor for key pests and make wise plant nutrition and irrigation scheduling decisions which will either **save or make them money in dried plum production**. See the attached agenda for topics covered.

The dates and locations are:

Wednesday	May 28	UC Kearney Ag Center, Parlier
Thursday	May 29	Woodland
Friday	May 30	Yuba City
Tuesday	June 3	Red Bluff
Wednesday	June 4	Orland
Thursday	June 5	Gridley

A registration form for the Yuba City meeting is included with this letter. The short course is being offered for **\$25.00 per pre-registered attendee**. **Note: Registration at the door will be \$35.00, space available.**

Course Materials provided include:

- Free record-keeping and single site pesticide use reporting software
- 16x hand lens
- 5-6 hours of PCA or private applicator credit hours, including one hour of Laws and Regulations education.
- A binder containing step-by-step, **cost-saving** orchard pest and nutrient/irrigation monitoring instructions.
- Laminated orchard pest identification cards
- Lunch

Note: The materials offered at these meetings will not be offered at the same price elsewhere.

Take advantage of this valuable educational opportunity and send in your RSVP check today.

Sincerely,

Franz Niederholzer
UCCE Farm Advisor, Sutter/Yuba Counties

Yuba City Meeting Only
Registration for Prune Pest and Orchard Management Short Course
Friday, May 30, 2003

Please reserve _____ box lunches for me. I have enclosed a check for _____ made out to **UC Regents** to cover the cost of \$25.00 per person.

_____ Number of vegetarian lunches

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Names of others covered by check: _____

Phone _____

Mail to:

UC Cooperative Extension, Sutter/Yuba Counties
ATTN: Prune Short Course
142A Garden Highway
Yuba City, CA 95991

Please return by May 20, 2003



**University of California
Cooperative Extension
Prune Pest and Orchard Management Short Course**

Agenda

- 7:30AM Registration & pick up Integrated Prune Practices Decision Guide Binder
- 8:00 AM
- Introduction
Franz Niederholzer, UCCE Farm Advisor, Sutter/Yuba Cos.
 - How Laws & Regulations Relate to Water Quality & Pest Monitoring
Sutter County Agricultural Commissioner's Office
 - How the EQIP Program Can Help Growers Adopt Monitoring Techniques
Ernie Paschke, NRCS District Conservationist
 - Overview of the Integrated Prune Farming Practices (IPFP) Program & the Water Stewardship Research & Demonstration Project (WSRD)
Gary Obenauf, Agricultural Research Consulting
 - Possible Dormant Spray Restrictions & How Pest Monitoring Can Help
Department of Pesticide Regulations Representative TBA
 - Pest Monitoring Record Keeping & Single Site Pesticide Use Reporting Software Demonstration
Jed Walton UCCE, Post Graduate Researcher, Butte County
- Break
- Pest Monitoring Techniques Described:
- Aphid Life Cycle
 - Dormant Spur Monitoring to Detect Scale & Aphid Eggs
 - Using the Dormant Treatment Decision Guide
Bill Olson, UCCE Farm Advisor, Butte County
 - Using San Jose Scale & Peach Twig Borer Traps
Carolyn Pickel, UCCE Area IPM Advisor, Sutter/Yuba County
 - 10 Minute Search For Mites
Wilbur Reil, UCCE Farm Advisor, Yolo County
 - Monitoring for Prune Rust
Richard Buchner, UCCE Farm Advisor, Tehama County
 - Leaf Tissue Sampling & the Nitrogen Budget For Making Fertilization Decisions
Bill Krueger, UCCE Farm Advisor, Glenn County

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- Irrigation Scheduling Using the “Pressure Bomb”
*Rick Buchner, UCCE Farm Advisor, Tehama County or
Ken Shackel, UC Davis Professor*
- *Interaction Between Pest, Nutrients, Water & Cover Crops*
Fred Thomas, CERUS Consulting

12:15 AM -1:15 PM Box Lunch & “Hands on” Identification of San Jose Scale, Aphid Eggs & Scale Predators

“Hands On” Demonstration of Monitoring Techniques In A Nearby Prune Orchard:

- Dormant Spur Monitoring – *Bill Olson*
- In-Season Aphid Monitoring – *Wilbur Reil*
- Using San Jose Scale and PTB Traps – *Carolyn Pickel*
- 10 Minute Search For Mites – *Bill Krueger*
- Prune Rust Monitoring – *Rick Buchner*
- Plant-Tissue and Water Sampling – *Franz Niederholzer*
- Irrigation Scheduling – *Rick Buchner or Ken Shackel*

4:00 PM Adjourn

Continuing Education Credit:
One hour of Laws and 6 hours of Other requested.