

Using Blue Orchard Bees in California Almonds



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USDA-ARS Bee Biology & Systematics Laboratory, Logan Utah

With support from the Almond Board of California
9 am to 11 am, informal networking 11- 12:30 pm



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Masonic Family Center
1110 W. East Ave.
Chico, California 95926

December 8, 2009

UCCE Stanislaus County
3800 Cornucopia Way, # A
Modesto, CA 95358

- 9:00 – 9:10 Welcome**
Joe Connell, UC Farm Advisor, Butte Co.
Roger Duncan, UC Farm Advisor, Stanislaus Co.
- 9:10 – 9:20 Efforts to Utilize Blue Orchard Bees in California**
Sara Goldman Smith, UC-IPM, staff research associate
- 9:20 – 9:35 Training Blue Orchard Bees to Work with Growers**
Glen Trostle, Entomologist, USDA Logan Bee Lab
- 9:35 – 10:10 Understanding the Solitary Life of the Blue Orchard Bee**
Jim Cane, Research Entomologist, USDA Logan Bee Lab
- 10:10 – 10:30 Successful Solitary Bee Management: Lessons from Alfalfa Seed Growers**
Theresa Pitts-Singer, Research Entomologist, USDA Logan Bee Lab
- 10:30 – 11:00 Commercial Experience and Products**
Series of 5 minute presentations by managers and producers of blue orchard bee (BOB)*
- 11:00 – 12:30 General Discussion**
Suggested topics
- status of BOB commercialization
 - stocking densities
 - nest & shelter options
 - loose cell vs. nest release
 - honey bee and BOB compatibility
 - hygienic practices

*Contact Sara Goldman Smith to schedule 5 min. talk during Commercial Experience and Products
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