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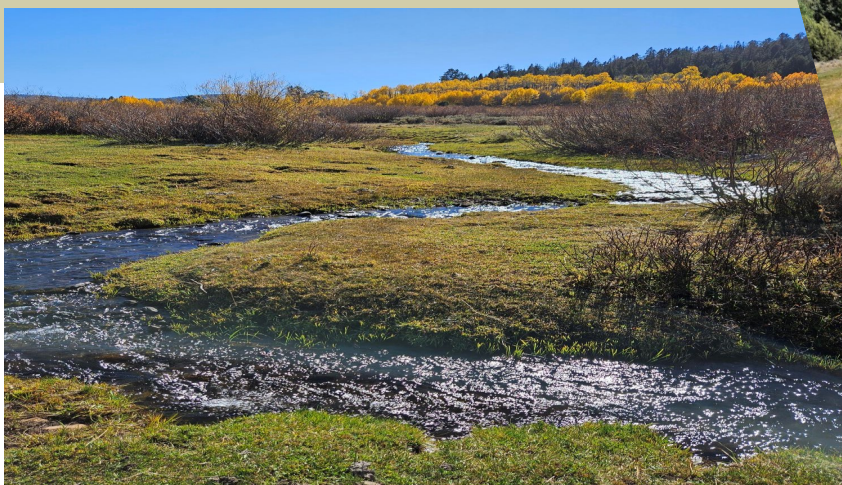
Greetings from the Farm Advisor,

It is that time of year again when the aspens start changing colors, the cows start coming home and the evenings are cooler. That also means it is time for fall dinner meetings for many of our local agriculture organizations. Join the Cattlewomen on October 7th, Modoc County Farm Bureau on November 2nd and Cattlemen on November 8th. More information within.

We have been conducting end of the season range monitoring in the Warner Mountains as well as hay quality testing at the Modoc Wildlife Refuge. Our virtual fencing research is coming to a season close and we hope to present all this research in meetings and newsletter articles this winter. Don't forget to fill out the grasshopper damage survey due Oct 15 to help support a county emergency disaster declaration and future management. There is also a local food survey due by Oct 31 to frame Laurie Wayne's program - we would love to hear your opinion.

Enjoy this nice fall weather!

Laura Snell



Grasshopper Damage Survey

Please fill out the grasshopper damage survey by October 15. This data will be used to create a disaster declaration and support future state and federal funding of grasshopper treatments. Grasshopper Damage Report Link (<https://forms.gle/eVoxKLZU3xuPKFBm6>)



TAKE OUT YOUR AUGERS!! IT'S SAMPLING TIME.

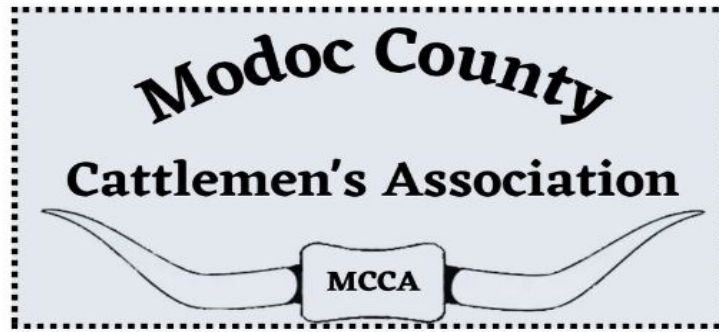
Remember, Soil is not just dirt- it is a living ecosystem that is a key element to thriving plants 🌱 and bountiful harvests. Analyzing your soil pays for itself over time in increased crop yields and productivity. Having continuous field data on your soils is essential to make informed decisions on your farm. Soil sampling can be taken anytime of the year, but early fall is generally considered the best time. Always take your soil samples the same time of year for relative comparison of the soil reports when observing your field data over time. Follow the links below to read more information on the steps to take soil samples. You can also check out soil testing equipment from our office!

Soil Health for Big and Little Farms (<https://ucanr.edu/sites/uccemodoc/files/403042.pdf>)

Soil Analysis (<https://ucanr.edu/sites/placernevadasmallfarms/files/142586.pdf>)

We will be waiting to hear about your soil's cation exchange capacity, organic matter content, and other nutrients. Send me your questions on soil reports at ssmsingh@ucanr.edu (<mailto:ssmsingh@ucanr.edu>)





MODOC COUNTY CATTLEMEN AWARDS DINNER

Save the Date

Announcing the 2024 Modoc Top Hand and Lifetime Achievement Awards

Election of Directors and Industry Updates

Gun and bridle raffle tickets \$20 or 6/\$100

Cattlegirl auction to support scholarships

Friday November 8, 2024

The Brass Rail

22590 US-395, Alturas, CA 96101

Tentative Schedule

Cattlemen's Industry Meeting ~ 4:00

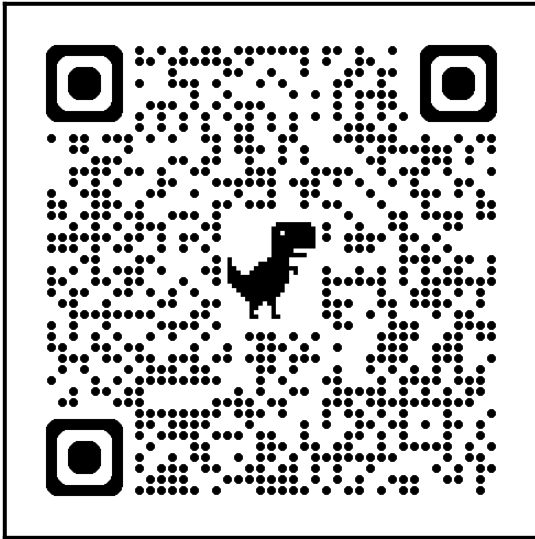
Happy Hour ~ 5:00

Dinner ~ 6:00



Make Your Voice Heard!

Healthy Local Food Survey



Have you filled out the survey yet? These 20 questions will take less than 10 minutes of your time to answer, and will provide important information about how UCCE can support our local food system - and it's totally anonymous. Click the QR code on the left, read it with your phone, or follow this link (<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1FAIpQLSdh8cj2GrBvzKukE0m2doXPBqRNJTdfLdBfDhJt4Jc9P7F5kg/viewform>) to fill it out online. If you would like a paper copy, stop by the Farm Advisor's office to pick one up. If you can't make it to the office, we are happy to send you a survey and a stamped envelope to send it back to us. If you have questions, please contact Nutrition and Food Systems Advisor Laurie Wayne at lwayne@ucanr.edu or call the Farm Advisor's Office at 233-6400. Survey is open til October 31.



Image courtesy UCCE SCC Composting Education Program

November 8: Composting for Soil Growth!

Producers, home gardeners, homesteaders and anyone interested are welcome to join this free workshop on Friday, November 8th from 1:30 - 6PM sponsored by the Resource Conservation District. It begins with a tour of the Alturas Community Garden and moves to the Forest Service Office on 8th Street for speakers and a free, local food meal. Learn about how to start a compost system for a home or homestead garden or how to compost on a neighborhood scale. Experts will be on hand to answer questions and provide information on support and opportunities for initiating composting operations in our homes and communities. RSVP to Jenny Kapp @ 970-596-1508 or growingmodoc@gmail.com (<mailto:growingmodoc@gmail.com>)

<https://surveys.ucanr.edu/survey.cfm?surveynumber=43179>



DATA PROGRAMS & OUTREACH

Staff professionals at the Department of Water Resources (DWR) Northern Region Office (NRO) in Red Bluff works side-by-side with local agencies, community partners, and Tribes to provide technical expertise, perform field work, collect data, and coordinate/execute projects to understand water resource conditions and improve water use efficiency.

A cordial invitation to all

Modoc County Water Users

to attend an informational presentation
of
NRO's Data Programs

Wednesday, October 23rd, 10am-noon

*Meet NRO Data Team staff
providing data collection
for Water Resource Management:*

water resource engineering, land and water use assessments, stream gauging and groundwater monitoring, water conservation and efficiency, project management, environmental documentation, climate adaptation, and community & Tribal outreach.

**Modoc County Courthouse - Historic Courtroom
204 South Court Street
Alturas, CA 96101**

virtual option will be available

For more information contact: ronna.bowers@water.ca.gov



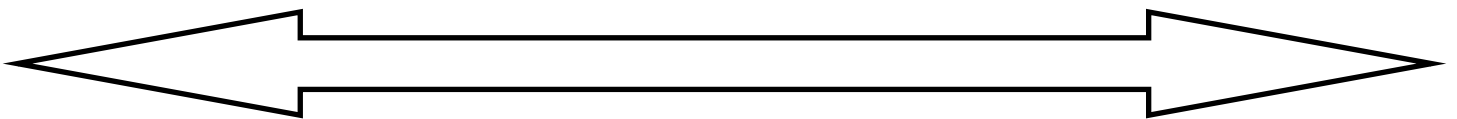


Producer News

* Harvest Time! Hey, you made it! It was a tough one - we sure weren't drowning in fruit, were we? We can hope for better conditions next year, and be grateful for what were able to harvest and bring to market. Thank you, producers, for your hard work year round! Stay tuned for winter workshops, some good news about agritourism -- and don't forget to fill out the grasshopper report (<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdh8cj2GrBvzKukE0m2doXPBqRNJTdfLdBfDhJt4Jc9P7FSkg/viewform>) right away!

* High tunnels: These handy season extenders keep the harvest going into the winter and help you get an early crop of cold hardy veggies. There's a lot to know about managing the plastic-covered environment, and the High Tunnel Users Group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/426050637586092/>) Facebook Group is the way to meet folks with great information and resources. Join the group today or call Laurie Wayne at the Farm Advisor's Office to learn more.

* In the loop: If you are a farmer or rancher and you'd like to grow your business and stay in touch with training and funding opportunities or connect with other producers in Modoc, Lassen, and Siskiyou counties, you might love to be on the mailing list for food producers in our region. Contact Laurie Wayne (<mailto:lwayne@ucanr.edu?subject=Keep%20me%20in%20the%20loop%2C%20Laurie!>) at the Extension office (233-6400) to get on our spam-free mailing list.



ARE YOU IN THE PROCESS OF CHOOSING A WHEAT VARIETY FOR WINTER PLANTING?



Check out the latest trial results from UC Research center in Tulelake to help you make an informed decision.

2024 Oregon Soft Winter Wheat Trial

(https://cropandsoil.oregonstate.edu/sites/agscid7/files/cbarc/variety-testing/2024_tulelake_oweyt.pdf)

2024 Oregon Hard Winter Wheat Trial

(https://cropandsoil.oregonstate.edu/sites/agscid7/files/cbarc/variety-testing/2024_tulelake_hweyt.pdf)

Stay tuned for the 2024 results for the alfalfa variety trial up at the Research Center as well. Below is the link for 2022-2023 data.

2022-2023 Tulelake Alfalfa Variety Trial

(<https://alfalfasympoium.ucdavis.edu/+producing/variety/data/2023/17TULOTY22-23%20Table.htm>)



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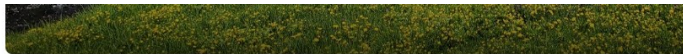
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STAY IN TOUCH



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Don't miss out on day-to-day happenings and news in the Cooperative Extension Office -- follow our Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/devilsgardenresearchandeducation/>) and Instagram (https://www.instagram.com/modoc_ucce/) feeds and stay up to date.

Our office number is (530) 233-6400. Give us a call Monday-Thursday 7am-5pm and check in about anything in this newsletter or anything else! <mailto:lksnell@ucanr.edu>

<http://cemodoc.ucanr.edu/>

Join our email listserve to get more updates. We will be phasing out most paper newsletters in 2025. If you still need paper, let us know!

SAVE THE DATES!

October 15 Grasshopper Survey Due

Check out the survey link on Page 2

October 23 Water User Presentation

10:00 am - Noon @ Courthouse Historic Courtroom

November 2 Farm Bureau Dinner

6:00 pm @ Alturas Catholic Church Parish Hall

November 8 Composting for Soil Growth

1:30 - 6:00 pm @ Alturas Community Garden

November 8 Modoc County Cattlemen's Dinner

6:00 pm @ Brass Rail

Stay tuned for Master Food Preserver Training

4-H Enrollment is Open - We are always looking for Volunteers to share their knowledge with local youth.