

## **BACKGROUND: RESOURCES AND PROGRAMS MANAGED BY UCCE**

In Sonoma County, the UC Cooperative Extension academic staff is at the forefront of change, working to preserve agriculture, helping communities shape wise public policy, and strengthening community development and leadership in our youth and adults.

### **RESOURCES:**

- UCCE website: <http://cesonoma.ucanr.edu/>
- Annual Reports: <http://cesonoma.ucanr.edu/about/>
- New to Sonoma County Agriculture: [http://cesonoma.ucanr.edu/New\\_to\\_Sonoma\\_County\\_Ag/](http://cesonoma.ucanr.edu/New_to_Sonoma_County_Ag/)
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/UCCESonoma/>
- Twitter (@UCCESonoma): <https://twitter.com/UCCESonoma>

### **PROGRAMS:**

- **4-H Youth Development:** [http://cesonoma.ucanr.edu/Youth\\_Development/](http://cesonoma.ucanr.edu/Youth_Development/)
  - The Sonoma County 4-H program helps young people, ages 5-19, reach their fullest potential as competent, confident individuals who contribute to and are connected with their communities. In 4-H programs, youth serve in leadership roles where they set goals, develop plans, complete projects, and reflect on their experiences.
- **Master Gardeners:** <http://ucanr.edu/sites/scmg/>
  - Master Gardeners are trained and certified University of California (UC) volunteers whose mission is to provide unbiased, high quality, science-based information to non-commercial home gardeners in Sonoma County.
- **Agriculture Ombudsman:** <http://ucanr.edu/sites/CESonomaAgOmbuds/>
  - The Agricultural Ombudsman is here to help agricultural producers navigate the permitting process, and facilitate meetings between the different county, state and federal agencies.
- **Community Food Systems & Food Waste Reduction:** [http://cesonoma.ucanr.edu/Community\\_Food\\_Systems\\_-\\_Food\\_Waste\\_Reduction/](http://cesonoma.ucanr.edu/Community_Food_Systems_-_Food_Waste_Reduction/)
  - The Community Based Food Systems & Food Waste Reduction Program seeks to promote and support all aspects of the Sonoma County Healthy and Sustainable Food Action Plan with a specific focus on developing cross-organizational responses to increase our ability to feed ourselves from food grown and raised locally by promoting community-based locally grown food in home, neighborhood and school settings with a particular focus on minority and ethnic food diversity.
- **Farming 101 workshop series:** [http://ucanr.edu/sites/BFRSOCO/Farming\\_101/](http://ucanr.edu/sites/BFRSOCO/Farming_101/)
  - In early 2016, UCCE Sonoma took on an aspect of Marin Organic's good works - the very popular "FARMING 101" program. These workshops are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Experienced farmers, ranchers, and business specialists share a broad range of practical skills that aspiring/beginning/new farmers and ranchers need to know. Individual access to experienced farmers will build on that foundation. UCCE Sonoma and Marin's wide range of agriculturalists will conduct workshops, and those with the knowledge and interest will also mentor the next generation in need of that support.

- **Integrated Pest Management**  
(IPM): [http://cesonoma.ucanr.edu/Integrated\\_Pest\\_Management685/](http://cesonoma.ucanr.edu/Integrated_Pest_Management685/)
  - The IPM program works with the agricultural industry in the research and implementation of alternative pest control methods, in order to decrease the use of pesticides. The current emphasis in the North Coast is on pest management systems for wine grapes, apples, and pears.
- **Livestock and Range Management:** [http://cesonoma.ucanr.edu/Livestock\\_and\\_Range\\_Management/](http://cesonoma.ucanr.edu/Livestock_and_Range_Management/)
  - The livestock and range program works with ranchers and producers, addressing such topics as animal health and welfare, marketing, and the management of range and natural resources. The livestock and range program also cooperates with local resource agencies, conducting research in the wise stewardship of lands, humane methods of predator control, and sustainable agriculture for the livestock industry.
- **Specialty Crops:** <http://cesonoma.ucanr.edu/SpecialtyCrops/>
  - Working with the county's 800 small-scale commercial farmers who grow olives, tree fruits, nuts, berries, vegetables, herbs, cut flowers, and other specialty crops on about 8,000 acres; helping farmers, processors, and marketers make a profit in local agriculture while promoting sustainable practices; research and educational program emphasizing crop diversity.
- **Sudden Oak Death:** <http://cesonoma.ucanr.edu/SuddenOakDeath/>
  - Funded by a grant from the USDA Forest Service, outreach and education related to the most current research and control methods of the Sudden Oak Death disease, in the community and with landowners.
- **Viticulture:** <http://cesonoma.ucanr.edu/viticulture717/>
  - Winegrape production in Sonoma County totals over four hundred million dollars annually and accounts for the greatest revenue of all agricultural crops in the county. The viticulture program provides education and outreach to winegrape growers to improve viticultural practices and address issues facing viticulture in the county.

**Local partners/entities who have worked with UCCE Sonoma:**

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3. Redwood Empire Food Bank, David Goodman, David Goodman, 707-921-9811, [dgoodman@refb.org](mailto:dgoodman@refb.org).

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