Stink bugs

Don’t forget to control that mustard, radish, and Malva around your farm, particularly if you grow tomatoes. These weeds are prime hosts for stinkbugs. Consperse stinkbugs spend the winter as adults in a non-feeding stage under leaf-litter (such as blackberry) or in woodpiles. They emerge in March and begin to feed, reproduce, and build up on mustard, radish, and Malva. As these weeds dry down, the stinkbugs move into tomatoes. I’ve also seen high numbers of consperse stinkbugs on hollyhock.
You’re Invited!!!

UC Davis Small Grains / Alfalfa Field Day
May 11, 2005
3.5 hrs of Continuing Education (PCA) Credits

Directions: From 113 North or South—in Davis take the Hutchison Road Exit West—Agronomy Headquarters is about ½ mile on left. For further information, contact Dan Putnam (530-752-8982 dhputnam@ucdavis.edu) for alfalfa and Lee Jackson (530-752-0701, lfjackson@ucdavis.edu) for grains.

8:30-12 Noon: Small Grains Field Day

8:30: Registration and Refreshments
Welcome and Introductions - Lee Jackson, Extension Agronomist

California Small Grain Production, 2005 season- Lee Jackson, Extension Agronomist

Foundation Seed Production Program and Statistics - Bob Stewart, Director, Foundation Seed and Certification Services

CCIA’s Organic Certification Program –Bob Simas, California Crop Improvement Assoc.

Issues for California Wheat- Bonnie Fernandez, California Wheat Commission

9:30 - 12:00 noon: Field Tour
Introducing New Genetic Diversity - Jorge Dubcovsky, UCD wheat breeder/geneticist

New UC Wheat Varieties - Jorge Dubcovsky, UCD wheat breeder/geneticist

Genetic Studies for New Traits - Jorge Dubcovsky, UCD wheat breeder/geneticist

Screening Nursery for Septoria Tritici Blotch - Jorge Dubcovsky, UCD wheat breeder/geneticist

Screening Program for Disease Resistance - Wheat and Barley Stripe Rust - Lee Jackson, Extension Agronomist

Evaluation of Seed Treatment Fungicides - Lee Jackson, Extension Agronomist

New Naked Barley Variety and Progress in UC Barley Breeding - Lynn Gallagher, UCD barley breeder/geneticist

Statewide Germplasm Development and Evaluation - Wheat & Triticale, Durum, and Barley - Lee Jackson, Extension Agronomist and Wheat and Barley breeders

Noon: Lunch (Many Thanks to CCIA for sponsorship!!!)
12:45-4:00  Alfalfa and Forage Field Day

**Under the Shade Tree:**
UC Updates – Announcements - *Chris Van Kessel, Chair, Plant Sciences, UC Davis.*

California Alfalfa and Forage Association Update - *Aaron Kiess, Director, CAFA, Philip Bowles, Bowles Farming, Los Banos; Tom Ellis, Grimes, CA*

Water Quality, Pesticides and Alfalfa – Where should we be going? - *Dan Putnam, Alfalfa/Forage Specialist, UC Davis*

Groundwater Protection Zones & Weed Control - *Mick Canevari, UC Farm Advisor, San Joaquin County*

Poisonous plants and Nitrates – *Birgit Puschner, Veterinary Medicine, UC Davis*

Armyworm update – *Professor L. Ehler, Entomology, UC Davis*

Chemical and Non-Chemical Options for Weevil Control in Alfalfa—*Larry Godfrey & Karey Windbiel, Entomology, UC Davis*

**In the Field:**
Roundup Ready Varieties & Weed Control Studies—*Ron Vargas, Farm Advisor, Madera Co., Dan Putnam, UC Davis; Mick Canevari, UC Farm Advisor*

Varieties and Cutting Schedules: What about Economics?—*Dan Putnam, UCCE Specialist, Plant Sciences*

Sclerotinia – What is it? What can you do about it?—*Carol Frate and Rachael Long, Farm Advisors, Tulare and Yolo Co*

Wheel Traffic Effects on Alfalfa Varieties—*Dan Putnam, UCCE Specialist, Plant Sciences*

Alfalfa Deficit Irrigation Studies—*Steve Orloff, UCCE Farm Advisor, Siskiyou Co., Dan Putnam, UC Davis*

Alternative Forages (Sudangrass, Perennial Forages, Oat Hay)—*Dan Putnam, Alfalfa Specialist, UC Davis; Cal Qualset, Oat Breeder, UC Davis.*
Reminder:
Please be sure to return our newsletter mailing list update form that we sent out earlier this month. USDA, the agency that provides our mail allocation, requires this process. If you have requested to be removed from our mailing list, you may continue to receive some mail from our office until we finish processing all forms.

Rachael Long,
Pest Management – Farm Advisor

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