

UC ANR Research & Extension Center System

The University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources Division currently operates nine Research and Extension Centers (REC) covering rich and unique resources across the state. The Centers support field research, education and extension activities to meet the needs of Californians.



Hopland REC

Over 5,300 acres of oak woodland, grassland, chaparral and riparian ecosystems

- Improved natural resource management
- Sustainable ag practices in animal and veterinary science
- Wildlife biology and ecology
- Watershed management
- State-of-the art extension and outreach facility, field lab space and a vertebrate museum

West Side REC

Located on 320 acres in western San Joaquin Valley. Opportunities in

- Improved production practices for valley crops such as cotton, forage and grain
- Wide variety of vegetables and legumes, grapes and nuts
- Production methods for potential biofuel crops
- Sustainable farming methods including conservation tillage
- Irrigation and crop water use

South Coast REC

Located on 200 acres in an urban center of Orange County. Opportunities in

- Agriculture-urban interface issues
- Local area crop focus including avocado, citrus and strawberries
- Sustainable landscaping and urban water management
- Turfgrass production and management
- Ornamental plant nursery production

Hansen REC

Located on 27 acres in Ventura county. Opportunities in:

- Water quality
- Invasive species management
- Introduction and evaluation of new promising crops
- Orchards including lemons and 80 hybrids of avocados
- Youth education programs to increase understanding of agriculture

Inter-mountain REC

Approximately 140 acres in the rich Klamath Basin. Opportunities in

- Irrigated field and vegetable crops
- Development of new varieties of wheat and potatoes, alfalfa and forage grasses
- Water management
- Plant nutrition
- Peppermint and a peppermint oil mini still

Sierra Foothills REC

Located on over 5,700 acres representative of millions of acres of California foothill rangelands. Opportunities in

- Management, stewardship and function of Mediterranean woodland ecosystems
- Animal science and health
- Water quality and environmental mitigation of veterinary pharmaceuticals
- Carbon Sequestration in grasslands
- Watershed management and riparian vegetation studies

Kearney REC

Located on 260 acres in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley. Opportunities in

- Cultivation, pruning and planting methods for important valley crops
- Development of specialty crops
- Sustainable farming methods
- Integrated pest management
- Water conservation and nitrogen management

Lindcove REC

Located on 175 acres in the foothills east of Visalia. Opportunities in

- Premier citrus research and extension center
- Focus primarily on developing new varieties
- Evaluate effects of rootstocks and scions on fruit quality
- Developing new pruning and irrigation methods
- Testing insecticides and post harvest fungicides to manage pests

Desert REC

Located on 225 acres of southern low desert. Opportunities in

- Advanced irrigation in desert agriculture
- Livestock and feedlot management
- Vegetable crop breeding
- Pest Management
- Home of the FARM SMART ag and natural resources education program



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