

## **CropManage Hands-on Workshop**

Bringing Irrigation and Nutrient Management Decision-Support to the Field

Date:	Thursday, January 23, 2025
Time:	10:30 AM – 2:00 PM (Workshop)
	2:00 PM – 3:00 PM (Drop-in Office Hours)
Location:	Watsonville Public Library, 275 Main St., Suite 100, Watsonville, CA 95076

- Learn how to use CropManage to support irrigation and nutrient management decisions and record-keeping for your crops
- Learn how to review irrigation and fertilizer records and data from field sensors
- Discover the latest updates to CropManage

CropManage is a **free** online decision-support tool for *water and nutrient management* of vegetables, berries, agronomic, and tree crops. Based on research and field studies conducted by the University of California Cooperative Extension, CropManage provides real-time recommendations for efficient and timely irrigation and fertilization applications while maintaining or improving overall yield. CropManage is also available in **Spanish**.

At this <u>free</u> workshop, we will provide step-by-step, hands-on training so that you can learn to use the newest version of CropManage.

Crops currently supported include many vegetables (carrots, cabbage, celery, broccoli, lettuce, tomato, spinach, etc.), berry crops (raspberry and strawberry), tree crops (almond, walnut, pistachio, prunes, and pear), vineyard, and agronomic crops (alfalfa and corn).

A new feature of this workshop is "drop-in" office hours for those already familiar with CropManage. If you prefer not to attend the full program but need advanced assistance or have specific questions, join us at 2:00 pm. We will be ready to help answer your questions and explore advanced topics in depth.

Who should participate? Growers, farm managers, other farm staff, crop advisors, consultants, and technical service providers are welcome. The workshop is for both new and current CropManage users. Spanish translation will be available. Lunch will be provided.

**Important--What to bring?** This is a participatory workshop.

- Please bring a **tablet** or **laptop** so that you can follow along and participate in the exercises.
- Each participant will need a user account for CropManage.











Please set up a free user account at <a href="https://cropmanage.ucanr.edu/">https://cropmanage.ucanr.edu/</a> before the workshop. Please arrive early to set up your laptop or tablet computer on the wifi and get logged on to CropManage.

**Registration is free:** Please scan the **QR** code below or register at: <a href="https://surveys.ucanr.edu/survey.cfm?surveynumber=44228">https://surveys.ucanr.edu/survey.cfm?surveynumber=44228</a> by January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025. **Seats are limited to the first 30 registrants.** 

**Questions**: Contact Michael Cahn at <u>mdcahn@ucanr.edu</u> / 831-214-3690 or Dan Hermstad at <u>dhermstad@rcdsantacruz.org</u> / 831-464-2950

## **Agenda**

10:30 – 10:50 AM	Registration and computer setup/login		
10:50 – 11:20 AM	Introduction to CropManage		
11:20 – 12:00 PM	Getting started with CropManage, setting up ranches		
12:00 – 12:30 PM	Lunch break		
12:30 – 1:15 PM	Using CropManage for decision support and record-keeping		
1:15 – 1:45 PM	Group exercise		
1:45 – 2:00 PM	Discussion, Q&A, wrap-up		
Drop-in Office Hours from 2:00 – 3:30 PM			
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Stop by to receive one-on-one assistance with CropManage and explore more advanced ways to use CropManage to understand crop growth and nutrient and water needs.

2.5 Continuing Education Units (CEU) for Certified Crop Advisors (CCA) have been requested. Please be sure to enter in your CCA number on the registration form to get credit.

## **Scan the QR Code to Register**









