

Growing Specialty Grains

Tuesday, March 24, 2015
9:00 am-12:30 pm

UCCE Conference Room
133 Aviation Blvd
Santa Rosa, CA



AGENDA

8:00 to 8:45: Registration and coffee + snacks

9:00 to 9:05 **Introduction – Growing Grains on a Small-Scale**

Paul Vossen, UC Cooperative Extension Farm Advisor for Sonoma and Marin Counties

9:05 to 10:00 **The Agronomy of Growing Small Grains – cultural practices, varieties, seeding, weed control, fertility, and equipment needs.**

Mark Lundy, UCCE Agronomy Farm Advisor – Sacramento Valley, CA

10:00 to 11:00 **Growing and Milling Grains on the North Coast of California**

Doug Mosel – Mendocino Grain Project

11:00 BREAK

11:15 to 12:30 **Group & Panel Discussion on Local Experiences in Growing Grains**

Deborah Walton – Canvas Ranch, Petaluma, Leonard Diggs – SRJC Farm Manager, Mark Lundy, and Doug Mosel

12:30 Adjourn

SPEAKERS

Mark Lundy: Mark earned his M.S. in international agricultural development and Ph.D. in agronomy from UC Davis. For his doctoral dissertation, he collaborated with UC Davis and U.S. Department of Agriculture researchers and rice growers in the Sacramento Valley to develop and refine integrated fertility and weed management approaches in direct-seeded rice systems. He has worked in agricultural production, research and extension in California, Michigan, Ireland and Malawi. His research and extension program covers Sacramento Valley field crops



and addresses nutrient management efficiency, irrigation management, sustainable farming practices, and integrating technology into production practices.

Doug Mosel: The Mendocino Grain Project aims to provide Mendocino County and adjacent regions with sustainably-cultivated, nutrient-rich grains and legumes. We grow grains and support other Northern California grain growers by harvesting, cleaning, and milling their crops. Our granary is in Ukiah, California, and we're very fortunate to be able to grow our grains at Nelson Family Vineyards in the Russian River Valley south of Ukiah. Doug founded the Mendocino Grain Project five years ago, and is the principal farmer, grain cleaner, and miller.

Deborah Walton: The owner and operator of Canvas Ranch in west Petaluma, a 28 acre farm and ranch which she and her husband, Tim, started in 2001. They have been growing grains for four years, including rye, golden flax, and emmer – an ancient wheat which Deborah fell in love with in Italy where it is known as farro. Today they grow a variety of grains on 6 acres at their ranch and another 10 acres they lease just up the road. In December Deborah launched the nonprofit North Coast Heritage Grain Alliance to bring together farmers, millers, bakers, brewers, and distillers to re-establish a local grain economy.

Leonard Diggs: Leonard is the farm manager for Santa Rosa Junior College, Shone Farm and has experience growing and harvesting Sonora wheat in Sonoma and Lake County. He is a member of the Lake County Grain and Bean Cooperative. Members of this Coop jointly own a combine, which they use on their individual farms and for and custom harvest on nonmember farms. They also share grain drills and other equipment.

