

Organic Ag. Field Day, Humboldt County

Sept 13, 2023 | 3:00pm – 7:00pm

Wild Rose Farm | 12750 West End Rd, Arcata, CA 95521

Free Registration:

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Program Agenda

- 3:00 PM **Check in**
- 3:30 PM **Welcome and Introduction**
Eddie Tanner, Specialty Crops Advisor, UCCE Humboldt-Del Norte
- 3:40 PM **UC Organic Agriculture Institute - Background and Current Activities**
Houston Wilson, Director, UC Organic Agriculture Institute

Houston will provide an overview of the UC Organic Agriculture Institute, current research and extension activities, and future goals for the institute.
- 4:00 PM **Developing new quinoa varieties for Humboldt County**
Jared Zystro, Research & Education Assistant Director, Organic Seed Alliance

Jared will present on the work that he and Blake Richard (Wild Rose Farm) have done to select new varieties of quinoa that perform well in organic and dry farm production conditions in Humboldt and have superior market qualities. Discussion will include quinoa production and marketing characteristics, and basic procedures for on-farm plant breeding.
- 4:30 PM **Winter cauliflower production in Humboldt County**
Eddie Tanner, Specialty Crops Advisor, UCCE Humboldt-Del Norte

Eddie will present on the ongoing field trial of winter cauliflower as a novel crop for coastal Humboldt County. Discussion will include crop nutritional needs and pest & disease management on certified organic farms, irrigation requirements, variety selection, and current seed availability constraints.
- 5:00 PM **Reduced tillage for organic production**
Blake Richard, Wild Rose Farm

Blake will discuss early experimentation with the reduced tillage practice of strip till planting into living cover crop.
- 5:30 PM **Nitrogen budgeting with organic amendments**
Eddie Tanner, Specialty Crops Advisor, UCCE Humboldt-Del Norte

Eddie will provide an overview of nitrogen budgeting for organic crop production including crop demand and timing, nitrogen supplied from soil organic matter, crop residues, and cover crops, and the availability of nitrogen from various organic amendments. This presentation will share findings from recent research as well as resources and online tools developed by UC ANR.
- 6:00 PM **Networking & Dinner (provided)**
- 7:00 PM **Adjourn**