

2015 Prune Research tour

Location : Sutter, Yuba ,Butte, Tehama and Glenn Counties.

Time : 9:15 am Thursday May 7 to 3:15 pm May 8.

Motel : Hampton Inn and Suites 520 Adobe Road Red Bluff, California 530 529 4178 or www.redbluffsuiets.hamptoninn.com. I did not reserve a block price for rooms so you are on your own to do that.

Contact: Richard P. Buchner 530 527 3101 or cell 530 941 8177 Franz Niederholzer 530 822 7515 or cell 530 218-2359.

DIRECTIONS TO FIRST STOP: The first stop is the prune spray thinning experiment south of Yuba City on the Garden Hwy (same as 99 on that stretch) we will meet there at 9:00 am may 7. The location is 1/2 mile north of 12036 Garden Hwy. That should be close to Marcuse road. There will be a yellow sign right off the Hwy on the East side marking the place to exit and Franz will leave his white county truck by the sign. Be careful slowing and exiting the Hwy. Cell numbers listed above if you need.

Sponsors: California Dried Plum Board and Sunsweet Growers.

Day 1 Thursday May 7

2015 Prune Research Tour starts 9:15 am in Sutter County

1) 9:15 to 9:45 am Prune spray thinning trial. Maps will be available to tour participants. - Niederholzer UCCE

9:45 to 10:30 travel to Miki Rootstock experiment.

2) 10:30 to 11:15 Tour and discussion of prune rootstocks - Niederholzer and Buchner UCCE.

11:15 to 12:15 travel to CJ's restaurant north of Chico.

3) 12:15 to 1:15 lunch, order off the menu.

1:15 to 1:30 travel to Deseret Prune rootstock experiment.

4) 1:30 to 2:15 Tour and discussion of prune rootstocks - Buchner and Niederholzer UCCE.

5) 2:15 to 3:00 Et measurements for young prune trees and young tree water management -Fulton UCCE.

3:00 to 4:00 travel to Hampton Inn in Red Bluff.

4:30 to 5:45 Beer and wine social at the motel.

6:00 Dinner at the Casa Ramos restaurant which is a short walk from the motel.

Day 2 Friday May 8

7:30 to 8:30 Breakfast included with the motel or Starbucks across the street.

8:30 to 9:00 travel to first stop.

6) 9:00 to 10:30 Lindauer River Ranch - Ken Lindauer and Mike Vasey.

A) Vertebrate pest control Gopher and squirrels. New equipment and techniques - Roger Baldwin UCCE.

B) Denny variety and potential virus issues in prune - Group Discussion with Cliff Beumel Sierra Gold.

C) Solar array for irrigation at the River Ranch - Mike Vasey.

10:30 to 10:50 travel to the Edwards prune ranch.

7 10:50 to 11:50 Edwards Ranch

A) Heat at Bloom Niederholzer and Buchner UCCE.

B) Prune nutrient management -Sepulveda and Niederholzer UC Davis and UCCE.

11:50 to 12:00 travel to Sunsweet Dryer Hogsback location.

12:00 to 1:15 BBQ lunch at the Dryer.

A) presentation on Food safety issues- TBA Sunsweet.

B) New solar array -Sunsweet.

1:15 to 2:15 travel to Orland.

8) 2:15 to 3:15 Eric Nielson Ranch

A) young prune trees on K86- Lightle and Nielson UCCE.

B) view and discuss prune canker diseases- Michailides and Lightle UCCE.

3:15 pm 2015 prune research tour adjourns. Safe trip home