



Desert REC

📍 IMPERIAL COUNTY
🌐 drec.ucanr.edu

CLIMATE Desert: arid, 3 inches of rain per year
FOCUS Irrigated arid agriculture; plant breeding; food safety; cattle nutrition and management; environmental studies
HIGHLIGHTS Farm Smart educational programs, feedyard facilities, laboratory and greenhouse space, gravity and pressurized irrigation systems

Elkus Ranch REC

📍 SAN MATEO COUNTY 🌐 elkusranch.ucanr.edu

CLIMATE Coastal Mediterranean: dry summers with pronounced fog; mild, wet winters
HIGHLIGHTS UC Cooperative Extension Office located at Center; local academics and staff address human-wildlife conflicts, urban forestry, youth development, and community nutrition

Elkus Ranch REC joined the REC System in July 2025 after serving the region's surrounding communities for 50 years, delivering environmental and agricultural education to youth and adults of all ages. This tradition will continue as Elkus Ranch identifies and supports research opportunities for UC academics to capitalize on its unique environment.

Hopland REC

📍 MENDOCINO COUNTY 🌐 hrec.ucanr.edu

CLIMATE Coastal Mediterranean: hot, dry summers; mild, rainy winters
FOCUS Wildlife ecology and management; rangeland ecology and management; fire ecology; oak woodlands; sheep management and health; soil ecology; climate change
HIGHLIGHTS Weather station, field research facilities, offices, conference room, greenhouse, coldroom, avocado and cherimoya orchards, apiary, Master Gardener demonstration garden

Intermountain REC

📍 SISKIYOU COUNTY 🌐 irec.ucanr.edu

CLIMATE High desert: 4035 ft elevation; cold winters, dry summers
FOCUS Cool season field and vegetable crops including alfalfa, grass hay, peppermint, potatoes, onions, small grains
HIGHLIGHTS Skilled farming and research staff; conference center; research still for essential oil extraction (e.g. peppermint); potato grading and storage equipment; greenhouse; drying ovens; dry and wet laboratories



Kearney REC

📍 FRESNO COUNTY 🌐 kare.ucanr.edu

CLIMATE Mediterranean: hot summers, cool winters, low rainfall
FOCUS Fruit, nut, and grape varieties; innovative cultural and irrigation practices; climate change and drought tolerance research; sustainable groundwater management practices
HIGHLIGHTS 330 acres of research facilities, including a state-of-the-art greenhouse, a postharvest laboratory, mosquito control laboratory, and multiple insectaries

Lindcove REC

📍 TULARE COUNTY
🌐 lrec.ucanr.edu

CLIMATE Mediterranean
FOCUS Citrus production and IPM; Citrus Clonal Protection Program; citrus and avocado breeding and evaluation; youth ag education; improving citrus tolerance to HLB
HIGHLIGHTS 120 acres of citrus research blocks irrigated with surface water; semi-commercial citrus packline with infrared camera to measure fruit quality without destruction; insect-proof greenhouses; fruit quality laboratory; cold rooms for postharvest storage

Sierra Foothill REC

📍 YUBA COUNTY
🌐 sfrec.ucanr.edu

CLIMATE Mediterranean: hot, dry summers; mild, rainy winters
FOCUS Range beef management & health; natural resource & watershed management; oak regeneration; climate change & drought tolerance; range & irrigated pasture; water quality
HIGHLIGHTS 165 hd. resident cow/calf herd; ability to support 600-800 weanlings/yearlings annually; climate & drought infrastructure; water quality and quantity infrastructure; irrigated pastures; created and natural wetlands; fruit & nut orchard



South Coast REC

📍 ORANGE COUNTY 🌐 screc.ucanr.edu

CLIMATE South coastal plain-temperate
FOCUS Tropical/subtropical tree crops; ag and urban pest management; water management; impacts of climate change on ag and natural resources; urban ag interface
HIGHLIGHTS UC Cooperative Extension Orange County located at Center; research and extension academics and staff address human-wildlife interactions, urban forestry, drought and urban water quality; recycled water use in ag and urban environments

West Side REC

📍 FRESNO COUNTY 🌐 wsrec.ucanr.edu

CLIMATE Inland Central Valley-Mediterranean: hot summers, cool winters, low rainfall
FOCUS Crop water management and responses to drought and salinity; conservation/reduced tillage crop production; pest and disease screening and IPM
HIGHLIGHTS Irrigated field plots for annual and perennial crop research; long-term no-till and reduced tillage field projects; two field lysimeters for crop water use studies; CIMIS weather station, multiple laboratories, greenhouse



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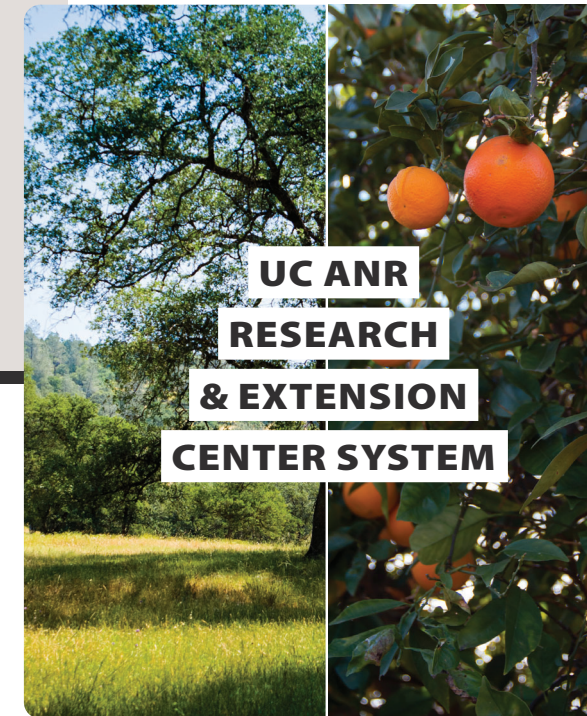
Research & Extension Center System

Mission

In support of the UC ANR Mission, we provide a unique network of living laboratories generating innovative research, education and outreach to benefit diverse communities across California's agricultural, wildland, and urban environments.

Vision

Be the world's go-to source for the discovery and demonstration of practical solutions to meet the agricultural and natural resource needs of rural and urban communities worldwide.



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