

a workshop offered by the UC Small Farm Program

When: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday, June 29

Where: 147 W. Main Street, Woodland (Yolo County Housing Authority office)

Registration is online at http://ucanr.org/collaborating \$15 until June 24, or \$20 after. Lunch included.

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Grow your farm business! How can you collaborate with other farmers to increase market power and tackle logistical challenges such as storage, cooling, processing, promotion, marketing, distribution or food safety?

Agenda

9:00 Check-in

9:30 Welcome

Shermain Hardesty, UC Small Farm Program & UC Davis

Discussion: Smaller growers' marketing-related needs

Facilitator: Miriam Volat, Ag Innovations Network

10:00 **The Past:** Lessons learned from the YoCal story Dru Rivers and Andy Scott, YoCal Cooperative founding members Shermain Hardesty

11:00 Break

11:15 **The Present:** Grower collaboration at work Jim Crawford, Tuscarora Organic Growers, Pennsylvania Dru Rivers, Capay Valley Growers & Capay Valley Farm Shop

12:30 Networking Lunch (local foods provided)

1:15 **Building the Future** Penny Leff, UC Small Farm Program

Miriam Volat

1:30 Small Groups: Building the Future exercise

2:30 **Next Steps:** Where do we go?

Directions: Exit Hwy 113 or I-5 at Main Street in Woodland. Travel west to 147 W. Main Street. Parking is on the right, and the Yolo County Housing Authority office is on the left, in the rear of a building shared with a chiropractor.

This workshop is co-sponsored by the Yolo County Agricultural Commissioner and UC Cooperative Extension in Yolo, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, Sonoma, Lake, Contra Costa and Marin counties.