



## Cover Crop Field Day and “Open Farm” Tour Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Field Day ~ 10:30 am Farm Tour

Park Farming Organics

Location: 39.102064, -121.888511

Field is on S. Drexler Road just south of Moroni Road (follow UCCE signs)

- 9:00 am Welcome and Introductions: Southwest Committee, Western Cover Crops Council
- 9:10 am Sarah Light, UCCE Agronomy Farm Advisor, Sutter, Yuba, and Colusa Counties  
**Research Updates: Cover Crop Field Trials in Annual Rotations the Sacramento Valley**  
Agronomic data from multiple field trials including cover crop growth, weed pressure, soil measurements, cost considerations, and summer crop yield.
- 9:30 am Margaret Smither-Kopperl, Director, USDA NRCS, CA Plant Materials Center (PMC)  
**Soil Biodiversity and Soil Health Indicators**  
Findings from the California soil biodiversity report as it pertains to agricultural production. Brief research updates from the PMC will be shared.
- 9:50 am Scott Park, Park Farming Organics  
**Cover Crops Are Just One Tool in the Toolbox**  
Dynamic on-farm management for building soil health including observations around water dynamics, costs, and managing too much biomass.
- 10:10 am Amelie Gaudin, Professor of Agroecology, UC Davis  
**Integrating Livestock in California Cropping Systems: Opportunities and Challenges**  
Research updates from diverse cropping systems including nutrient cycling, soil health, and soil biodiversity.
- 10:30 am: **Open House and Farm Tour with Scott Park and Brian Park**
- Equipment Discussion and Demonstration
  - Equipment Considerations for Cover Crop Management and Regenerative Agriculture
  - Pros and Cons of Cover Cropping in Wet and Dry Years
  - The California Farm Demonstration Network
- 12:00 pm Event End

**Ten plots with different cover crop species are planted in the field for demonstration.**

Please contact Sarah Light: [selight@ucanr.edu](mailto:selight@ucanr.edu) or 530-822-7515 with questions. No RSVP is required.

CCA CEU: 1.5 Soil & Water Management (Approved)

*This event is free, and everyone is welcome.*

