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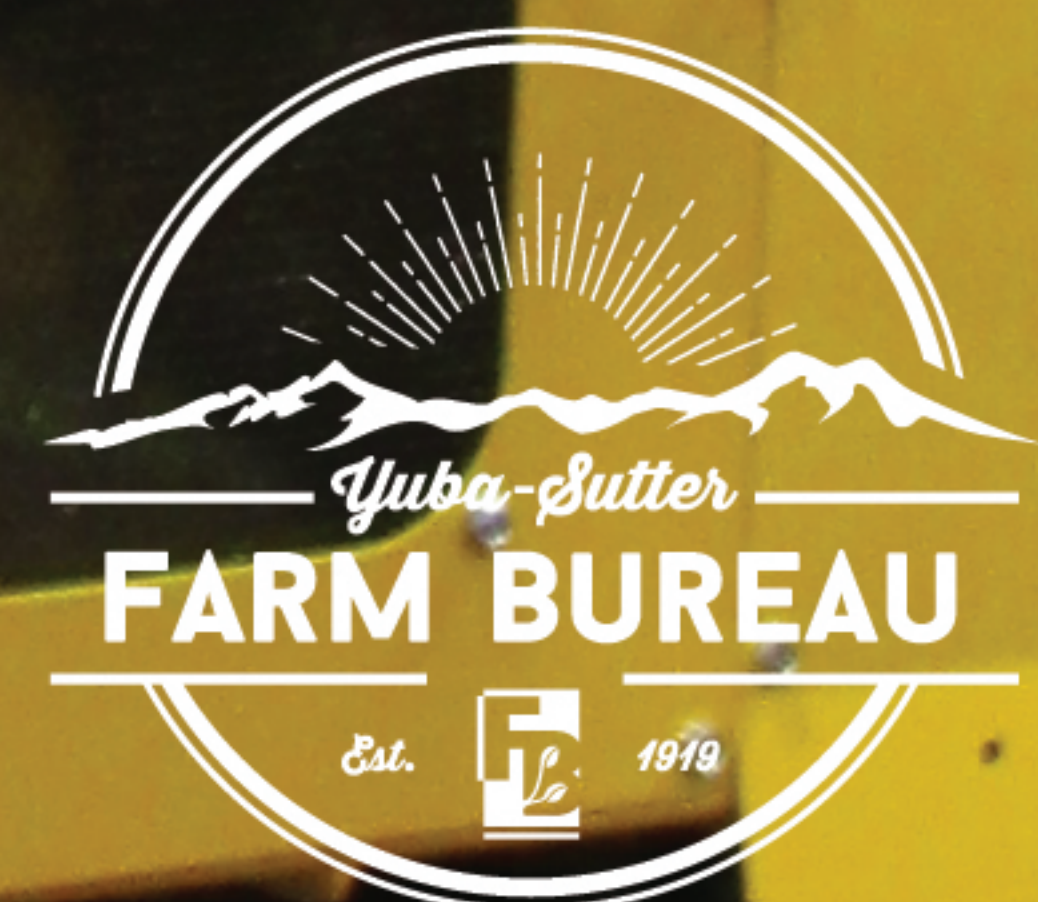
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UCCE Sutter-Yuba Ag-Venture Summer Day Camp



By Whitney Brim-DeForest, County Director, UCCE Sutter-Yuba (Bi-County Farm Advisor's Office)

AG-VENTURE DAY CAMP! Month of July



The Center at Sierra Health Foundation has graciously provided funding for the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) Sutter-Yuba to hold a Summer Day Camp “AgVenture” at the Ettl Hall in Yuba City. Day Camp is open to all youth ages 6 to 12. Each week has its own unique theme related to agriculture, and the camp is presented by 4-H positive youth development, nutrition provided by CalFresh Healthy Living, and gardening brought to us by Master Gardeners. Day Camp will run from July 5th to July 28th Monday through Friday 8 am to 5:30.

Week 1 of AgVenture’s day camp is “Interesting Insects” and will include guest speakers, a bug hunting field trip, hands-on learning, and more! Week 2 is “Food and Farms” and we will be introducing healthy nutritious meals and proper food prepping along with field trips to Grey Lodge, Yuba River Ranch to learn about wagyu beef, along with guest speakers (scientists) from UCCE and Dr. Luu, and we will have fun hands-on activities daily. Week 3 is “Woods and Water” with field trips to Sierra Foothills Research and Extension Center, Bullards Bar Dam, and Colgate Powerhouse, just to name a few, along with guest speakers

and crafts throughout the day. Lastly, week 4 is “Awesome Animals” with a field trip to a Tollcrest Dairy, Sierra Foothills Research and Extension Center cattle unit, guest speakers, sheep shearing demonstrations, wool fiber education, chick hatching and a small animal interaction on the last day!

AgVenture Day Camp will offer positive youth development opportunities and introduce new things related to agriculture, nutrition, water and more, and is open to youth ages 6 to 12 years old in the Sutter-Yuba area. The UCCE Sutter-Yuba staff is excited to bring this educational day camp to our community.

Register today at <https://cesutter.ucanr.edu/UCCESYDAYCAMP/>. Week 1 of day camp is \$90 as it will be a short week (3 days). Weeks 2-4 will be \$150 a week. Youth can be enrolled in all four weeks or pick which weeks they want to attend. For qualifying families, full and partial scholarships are available. Scholarship applications are due by June 1.

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Record-Breaking Snowpack Brings Additional Flood Risk

By Brian German, Ag News Director, AgNet West



The fourth snow survey conducted by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) demonstrated a record-breaking snowpack. At Phillips Station, measurements were recorded of 126.5 inches of snow depth and a snow water equivalent of 54 inches. The April 3 survey results reflected 221 percent of the average for that location. Manager of DWR's Snow Surveys and Water Supply Forecasting Unit, Sean de Guzman explained that the number is even greater on a statewide basis. The statewide automated snow sensor network is reporting 237 percent of average to date.

Record-Breaking Snowpack

"There have only been three other years where our April snowpack has been greater than 200 percent of average in April. Those years were 1952, 1969, and 1983," said de Guzman. "As of right now, it's looking like this year's statewide snowpack will probably, most likely be either the first- or second-biggest snowpack on record dating back to 1950."

Flood Concerns Moving Forward

By comparison, last year's April snowpack was measured at

just 38 percent of average. The series of atmospheric rivers that California experienced has changed the state's outlook significantly. DWR explained that they have shifted focus to flood response and forecasting for the months ahead. "We're currently forecasting record-breaking spring snowmelt in the Tulare Lake region; which is ranging anywhere between 265 percent of average in the Kings River watershed upwards to an absurdly high 422 percent of average for a snowmelt runoff for the Kern River watershed," de Guzman explained.

The weather over the coming weeks will have a major impact on how the record-breaking snowpack will affect flood risks. The Southern San Joaquin Valley in particular is facing a severe flood risk. DWR's State-Federal Flood Operations Center is supporting emergency response activities. The spring snowmelt season could bring significant challenges, as the state's water infrastructure faces a substantial influx of water. "Our statewide reservoir storage is currently at 107 percent of average and we're expected to capture even more storage once this snowpack eventually melts later on in the spring and summer," said de Guzman.

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Storm Damage Resources and New Assistance for Distressed Borrowers

From Almonds.com

The U.S. Department of Agriculture reminded growers of current and new federal assistance producers impacted by floods and facing financial risk.

Flood damage assistance

California continues to be inundated with surface water, both runoff from snow melt and extended precipitation. USDA reminded California growers that both technical and financial help is available through federal disaster assistance. Producers with flooding damage are heavily encouraged to document the damage with pictures, receipts and farm records. Any of those items will help expedite assistance, said Farm Service Agency's California Executive Director Blong Xiong in a press release.

The Almond Alliance is helping almond growers with the process. The Almond Alliance has created a Storm Damage Reporting & Resource page to help producers take advantage of programs that were triggered under the Presidential Disaster Declaration. The Almond Alliance reminds growers to document and notify damage to the proper agencies. "A simple phone call can make the difference between resources available and being left out. Timely notice of loss reported to your local FSA office is critical to ensuring adequate resources and assistance is deployed to your area, as well as your ability to participate in potential future programs," said Aubrey Bettencourt, Almond Alliance president and CEO.

Growers facing financial risk

Also, USDA announced additional assistance for producers with qualifying farm loans who are facing financial risk. The extra \$123 million funding began in April and was made possible through the Inflation Reduction Act. Loans that qualify for the assistance are "borrowers of direct or guaranteed loans administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) whose operations face financial risk."

USDA offered an example of qualifying loans in a press release, stating "in the October payments, farmers that were 60 days delinquent due to challenges like natural disasters, the pandemic or other unexpected situations were brought current and had their next installment paid to give them breathing room."

Again, this assistance is automatic and began in April. Contact your local FSA office for more information. You can locate your local USDA Service Center by going to www.farmers.gov.

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Biotech Teff and Safflower Get the Green Light from USDA

From AGDAILY Reporters at AGDAILY.COM

Two more genetically engineered plants have passed a Regulatory Status Review: the Donald Danforth Center Teff and Moolec Science Limited Safflor.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service recently completed the review to determine whether the plants presented an increased pest risk compared to unmodified plants and determined they are not subject to regulation under 7 CFR part 340. That means, from a plant pest risk perspective, these plants may be safely grown and used in breeding in the United States.

Teff is an ancient grain grown widely in northeast Africa because of its drought tolerance and climate adaptability. An iron- and protein-rich food source, productivity is limited because of its tendency to fall over, preventing proper ripening. The teff plant from the Donald Danforth Center (*Eragrostis tef*) was modified to produce shorter (semi-dwarf) plants and reduce the likelihood of lodging, or stem buckling.

Moolec Science's safflower plant (*Carthamus tinctorius*) was modified to produce gamma-linolenic acid, an essential omega-6 fatty acid in seeds to alter their nutritional value. Although GLA is common in plant seeds, Moolec intends to continue modifying plants to produce animal proteins using animal genes within plants.

In both cases, APHIS found these plants unlikely to pose an increased plant pest risk compared to other cultivated teff and safflower plants.

Under 7 CFR part 340, developers may submit a request to APHIS for a Regulatory Status Review (RSR) when they believe a modified plant is not subject to regulation.

APHIS reviews the modified plant and considers whether it might pose an increased plant pest risk compared to a non regulated plant. If the USDA's review finds a plant is unlikely to pose an increased plant pest risk relative to the comparator plant, a response is issued indicating the plant is not subject to the regulations. 🌱



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ORCHARD MACHINERY

By Jessica Malone, Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau Program Coordinator with Madison Escheman, Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau Intern



Dream Team at the Tulare Farm Show

In 1961, Richard Brandt started Orchard Machinery Corporation. He was a local farmer that was harvesting prunes with sticks knowing there had to be a better way. OMC was born with the vision of efficient farming and harvesting. As Richard built the business on tree shakers and harvest equipment, Donald Mayo was hired in 1970 to sell used equipment for OMC. Don worked his way up and purchased his ownership in 2004 with his daughter Tobbie Wells at the table for the purchase.

Don was a fearless man that had the mindfulness to build and push the business forward. His visions of the future were based on his love to build with new technology. When he unexpectedly passed away in August of 2022, he left a legacy, a plan, and the future of his business in the hands of his daughter Tobbie. As a CPA by trade, she quickly went from CFO and Board Member to President/CFO/Owner. She has thrived and hasn't skipped a beat since. As Tobbie works hard to continue his legacy and grow his visions, she tells us that "our success since he has passed is truly because of the OMC team, they are amazing." We had the opportunity to sit down

with her and explore OMC and all its workings.

OMC is a diverse world-wide company with many different equipment options and farming solutions. They are probably best known for their tree shakers. But the newest piece of equipment that was recently rolled out in Tulare at the World Ag Expo will be the talk of the industry going forward. The Bonsai is a fully autonomous shaker. This is a 100% visual based piece of equipment that uses several cameras and information from computer algorithms with pictures to create a 3-D world to safely function. Tobbie assures us "it can tell a weed from a dog." This is the first of its kind and will be a game changer for the future of harvesting.

With several different lines of equipment including shakers, carts, shuttles, elevators, hedgers, rakes, and shredders, OMC also has other business lines that help diversify the business in several different directions. In 2010 OMC acquired Wesco trailers and offers ten different kinds of trailers. OMC operates Orchard Maintenance Group for custom hedging and shredding as well as Orchard Harvest Corporation for custom harvesting needs.



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One thing Tobbie couldn't hide was that her dad had a knack for naming the equipment some fun names. Bonsai, Hedgehog, Brush Hog and E-Limb-inator are just a few. He would take his visions and make them a reality. To date Don has 8 Patents in his name. Of these patents, he was able to take the business to new levels while being realistic with the economy and reading the economics of how the commodities were doing. He could adapt to the changes in the future with predictions and preparation. As Tobbie continues her tenure at OMC, she reminds us that this is a family business. Dons dream was to keep it in the family,

and she hopes to live that out as well. Tobbie's son Joseph "Fitz" Wells is currently at Boise State University studying Supply Chain Management. He has future plans to work at OMC in purchasing and sales and ultimately run the business with other family members. Fitz has worked his summers welding in the Wesco plant. She also has two nephews currently in the business, Joseph Martinez, who is working in the powder booth, and Joseph Conner, who is working on the line as an Assembly Line Technician. There is no denying that this is a family business and Tobbie would like to see it continue to stay that way. She strives to give family the opportunity to learn and work in the business from the ground up.

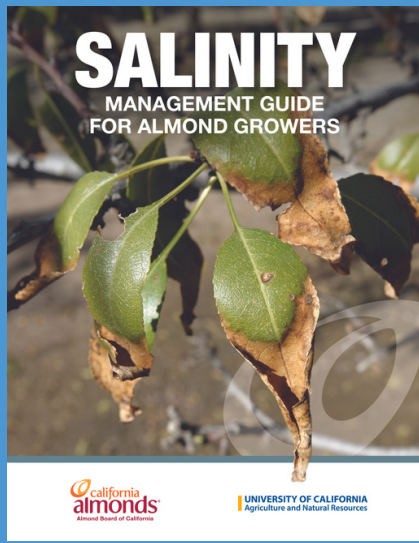
When we asked Tobbie why she wanted to be a business member of the Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau, she straightforwardly stated "to support the voice of agriculture. We are all in this together. We have orchards and we sell equipment that supports the industry. We help feed the world and everybody needs to do their part and we are excited to be a part of that." 🌱

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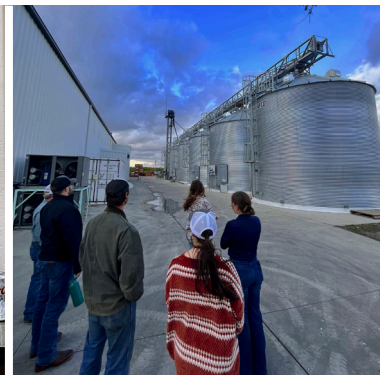
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Yuba-Sutter YF&R

By Martina Damboriena

March was a month full of volunteering, planning, and learning. We started the month off by operating one of the bars at the Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureaus Spring Fling event, which was a great success.

We also had the pleasure of touring Pleasant Grove Farms, one of our very own members (Jessica Sills) family farms. Thanks again to Pleasant Grove Farms for the great tour where we learned about growing and processing corn into popcorn that we buy at our local grocery stores. We are looking forward to a busy spring full of fundraising and exciting new tours. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining Young Farmers and Ranchers, please reach out. We always want to grow our group of young farmers and ranchers and look forward to meeting you. Contact the Yuba- Sutter Young Farmers Ranchers Chair, Lillian Smith, at yubasutteryfr@gmail.com.



Consume AGTECH News Like a Pro

By Walt Duflock from www.wga.com

Ever feel like you're struggling to keep with all the latest great ag and AgTech content available? Me too, and I've been trying to do something about it.

After years of trial and error, I think I've learned a few things and what I've done might be useful to others who would like to be able to keep with more of what's going on in AgTech land, because things are changing at a rapid pace and that shows no sign of changing. In this post on Medium, I go through my three main consumption channels – podcasts, newsletters, and social media. I provide my top selections for podcasts and newsletters and pro tips on optimizing LinkedIn and Twitter. Here's the short version:

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Hopefully this helps people consume AgTech content a lot faster. I know these tips have helped me get through more content. Enjoy! 🍷

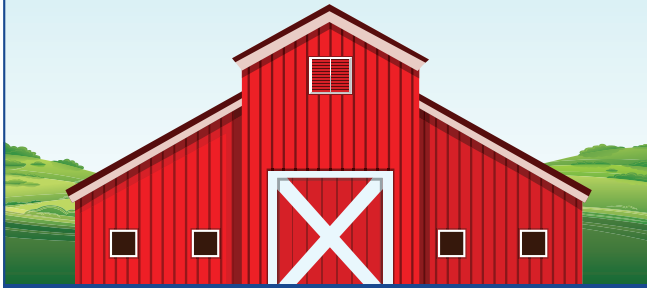


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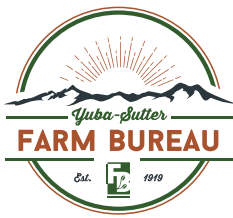
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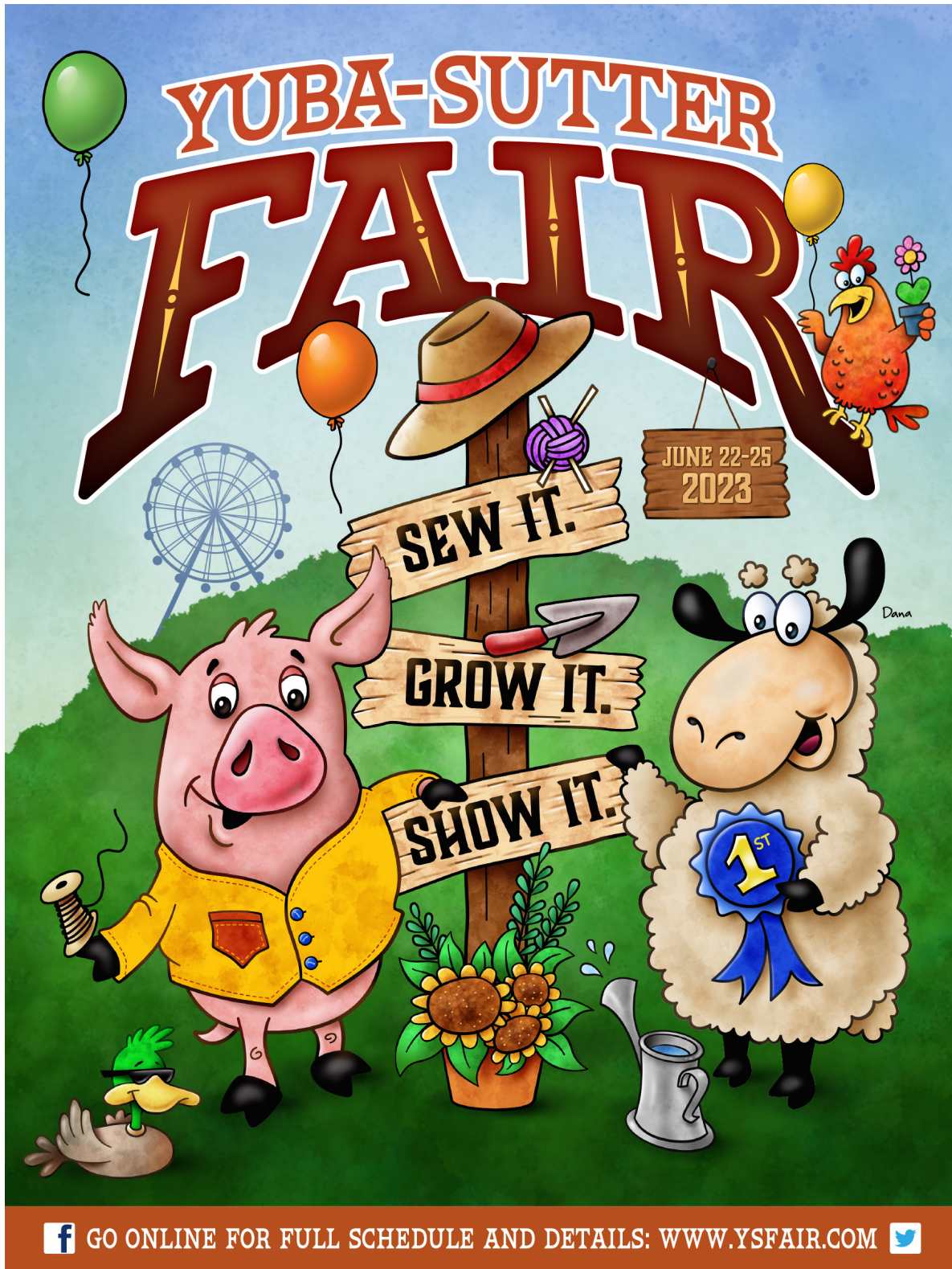
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