

Organic Systems Researchers
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Rob Wilson – Intermountain Research and Extension Center Director, Modoc, Siskiyou (potatoes, onions, small grains, alfalfa, specialty crops)

Charlie Brummer – UCD Plant Breeding Center Director, Siskiyou, Yolo, Statewide (breeding of forages, alfalfa, spinach, SCOPE)

Sarah Light – UCCE Agronomy Advisor, Sutter, Yuba, Colusa (agronomy, annual crops)

Margaret Lloyd – UCCE Small Farm Advisor, Yolo, Solano, Sacramento (fresh market vegetables, berries)

Allison Krill-Brown – UCD Assoc. Specialist, Sacramento Valley (breeding of wheat, barley, spinach)

Sarah Kuzay – UCD Student Wheat Breeder, Northern CA (breeding of small grains)

Cameron Pittelkow – UCD Assoc. Professor, Yolo (establishing an organic research field at UCD)

Amelie Gaudin – UCD Assoc. Professor, Yolo, Statewide (almonds, vineyards, tomatoes)

Rachel Vannette – UCD Assoc. Professor, Yolo, Solano (soil health, biocontrol, pollination, tree fruits, orchard, tomatoes)

Cristina Lazcano – UCD Assoc. Professor, Yolo, Statewide (soil biodiversity & health, wine grapes, corn, strawberries, tomatoes)

Allen Van Deynze – UCD Assoc. Director, Plant Breeding Center, Yolo, Monterey (breeding of peppers, spinach, tomatoes)

Neal M Williams – UCD Professor, Northern CA (pollination, bee diversity, bee habitats in working landscape)

Alda Pires – UCD Assoc. Specialist, Statewide (urban ag, food safety, animal health)

Tom Tomich – UCD Professor, Statewide (sustainability science and policy)

Catherine Brinkley – UCD Assoc. Professor, Statewide (organic marketing, land preservation)

Daniel Geisseler – UCD Assoc. Specialist, Statewide (nutrient management, vegetables, field crops)

Sonja Brodt – UC SAREP Assoc. Director & Academic Coordinator, Yolo, Statewide (farmer training, biologically integrated farming systems, elderberry)

Jennifer Sowerwine – UCB Assoc. Specialist, East bay, Statewide (urban agroecology, food safety, food justice)

Francisco Benitez – Berkeley Food Institute, Project Specialist, Statewide (food value chains, food systems, cooperatives)

Timothy Bowles – UCB Assist. Professor, Sacramento Valley, Central Coast (applied agroecology, vegetables)

Houston Wilson – California Organic Institute Director, UCR Assist. Specialist, Central Valley, Statewide (entomology, orchards, vineyards)

Jeff Mitchell – UCD Specialist, Sacramento, San Joaquin, and Salinas Valleys (cropping systems, vegetables, cover crops)

Daniel Karp – UCD Assoc. Professor, Central Coast (landscape agroecology, pest control, birds, and food safety)

Kathryn De Master – UCB Assoc. Professor, Central Coast (sociology in strawberry production)

Reza Ehsani – UC Merced, Professor (mechanization, automation, and engineering systems for fruits and vegetables)

Stacy Philpott – UCSC Professor, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Monterey (insects, birds, urban garden & farms)

Joji Muramoto – UCSC Assist. Specialist, Central Coast, Statewide (organic production, agroecology, strawberry, vegetables)

Damian Parr – UCSC Lecturer, Statewide (sust. ag. education & research)

Jan Perez – UCSC Food System Specialist, Statewide (sust. ag. evaluation & research)

Mark Bolda – UCCE Berry Farm Advisor, Central Coast (strawberry, cane berries)

Eric Brennan – USDA-ARS Research Horticulturalist, Central Coast (vegetables, strawberries)

Richard Smith – UCCE Vegetable, Weed Farm Advisor, Central Coast (cool season vegetables)

Kirsten Pearsons – UCCE Entomology Farm Advisor, Central Coast (cool season vegetables)

Peter Henry – USDA-ARS Research Plant Pathologist, Central-South Coast (strawberries)

Matthew Grieshop – Cal Poly SLO, Director, Grimm Family Center for Organic Production and Research, Central Coast (vegetables)

Ashraf Tubeileh – Cal Poly SLO, Assoc. Professor, Central Coast (cropping systems)

Charlotte Decock – Cal Poly SLO, Assist. Professor, Central Coast (C and N management, soil health, vegetables, vineyards)

Diego Nieto – Driscoll's, Entomologist, Statewide (biological control in berries)

Jenny Broome – Driscoll's, Senior Research Manager (integrated organic berry disease management)

Oleg Daugovich – UCCE Berry Vegetable Farm Advisor, Ventura (berries, vegetables)

Annemiek Schilder – UCCE Director, Ventura (Plant pathology, berries, vegetables)

Arianna Bozzolo – Rodale Institute Research Director, Ventura (horticulture)

Priti Saxena – Cal Poly Pomona, Assist. Professor, Los Angeles (tomato breeding)

Amrita Mukherjee – UCCE Urban Ag/ Small Farm Advisor, San Bernardino, Orange (vegetables, fruit trees, herbs)

Milton McGiffen – UCR Vegetable Specialist, CA from Fresno south (vegetables)

Ramiro Lobo – UCCE Small Farm & Ag Economics Advisor, San Diego (specialty crops, dragon fruit, coffee, blueberries)

Eric Middleton – UCCE Area IPM Advisor, San Diego, Orange, Los Angeles (dragon fruit, citrus, avocado, vegetables)

Jimmy Nguyen – UCCE Food Safety and Organic Production Advisor, Imperial, Riverside (leafy greens, onions, berries)