CropManage Hands-on Workshop and Drop-in Office Hours

Bringing Irrigation and Nutrient Management Decision-Support to the Field

Date: Thursday, March 7, 2024

Course 10:30 am – 2 pm

Drop-in office hours 2-3:30 pm

Location: Watsonville Public Library

275 Main St., Suite 100, Watsonville, CA 95076

- *Learn how to use CropManage to support irrigation and nutrient management decisions and record-keeping for your crops.*
- *Learn how to set up your ranch and crops in CropManage.*
- *Learn about the latest updates and how CropManage can assist with Ag Order 4.0*
- *New—deep dive into advanced CropManage topics during office hours*

CropManage is a free online decision-support tool for water and nutrient management of vegetables, berry, agronomic, and tree crops. Based on research and field studies conducted by the University of California Cooperative Extension, CropManage provides real-time recommendations for efficient and timely irrigation and fertilization applications while maintaining or improving overall yield.

At this **free** workshop, we will provide hands-on training so that you can learn to use the newest version of CropManage. Crops currently supported include many vegetables (carrots, cabbage, celery, broccoli, lettuce, tomato, spinach, etc.), berry crops (raspberry and strawberry), tree crops (almond, walnut, pistachio, prunes, and pear), and agronomic crops (alfalfa and corn). CropManage is also available in Spanish.

A new addition to the workshop are drop-in office hours for anyone already familiar with CropManage and does not want to attend the full program but needs more advance assistance or may have specific questions. Stop by at 2 pm and we will be ready to help answer your questions and dive deep into more advanced topics.

Who should participate? Growers, farm managers, other farm staff, crop advisors, consultants, and technical service providers are welcome. The workshop is for both new and current CropManage users. Spanish translation will be available. **Lunch** will be provided.

What to bring? This is a participatory workshop. Please bring a tablet or laptop computer so that

you can follow along and participate in the exercises. Each participant will need a user account for CropManage. Please set up a **free user account** at https://cropmanage.ucanr.edu/ before the workshop. Please arrive early to set up your laptop or tablet computer on the wifi and get logged on to CropManage.

Registration is free: Please register at https://surveys.ucanr.edu/survey.cfm?surveynumber=39745 by March 4, 2024. Seats are limited to the first 30 registrants.

Questions: Contact Michael Cahn at mdcahn@ucanr.edu / 831-214-3690 or Sacha Lozano at slozano@rcdsantacruz.org / 831-224-0293

Agenda

10:30 – 10:50 am **Registration and computer set-up**
10:50 – 11:20 am Introduction
11:20 – 12:00 pm Getting started with CropManage
12:00 to 12:30 pm **Lunch break**
12:30 – 1:15 pm Using CropManage for decision support and record-keeping
1:15 – 1:45 pm Group exercise
1:45- 2 pm **Discussion /Q&A/ wrap up**

Drop-in office hours
2 – 3:30 pm   Stop by to receive one-on-one assistance with CropManage and explore more advanced ways to use CropManage to understand nutrient and water needs of crops.

Continuing Education Units (CEU) for Certified Crop Advisors (CCA) have been applied.