



Merced/Madera Pistachio Day

March 13, 2025

2145 Wardrobe Ave,
Merced, CA 95341

Light refreshments will be provided

Questions? Email pegordon@ucanr.edu
or text 559-825-7632

Approved credits:

2.5 DPR CEUs

3.0 CCA CEUs

0.5 INMTP CEUs

Agenda

8:00—8:30 AM Registration

8:30—9:30 AM Laws and Regulations update

9:30—10:00 AM The role of applied water on
pistachio kernel quality

10:00—10:30 Springtime disease management

10:30—10:45 Break

10:45—11:15 Gills Mealybug management
update

11:15—11:45 Plant bug management and
leaffooted plant bug lures

11:45—12:15 Alternative training systems of
pistachio

12:15—12:30 questions and survey



February 6th, 2025

To whom it may concern,

Hello, my name is Idongesit (Idong) Mokwunye. I am a new UCCE IPM Advisor based at UC Kearney Research and Extension Center, Parlier, CA. In this role, I cover four counties: Madera, Fresno, Kings, and Tulare. To build my entomology-based IPM research and extension program, I am collecting input from people involved in farming, pest management, and allied industries to assess the needs in this area. I appreciate if you can provide your valuable inputs by filling few survey questions below:

The information you provide will allow me to better understand your needs and how to best deliver my program. Survey responses will be used for program planning. Your participation is voluntary, and **your responses will be confidential.**

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss the survey, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is included below.

I look forward to working with you and thank you for your continued collaboration with the University of California.

Sincerely,

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*Scan this QR code from your mobile device
to complete the survey online instead!*



Invitation to Participate in a Survey on Weed Management in Perennial Specialty Crops

A team of Weed Scientists and Sociologists are leading an SCRI planning grant that is conducting a short and anonymous survey about weed management technology in perennial specialty crops (i.e., tree fruits, tree nuts, grapes, and berries).

Effective weed control is essential for sustainable production and high-quality yields, but growers face several challenges, including limited herbicide availability, herbicide resistance, changing regulations, safety concerns, and the high cost and reduced availability of labor for hand weeding.

Although new weed control technologies, such as autonomous robots, precision sprayers, and electric weeders, have been developed, many growers may not be aware of these innovations or their effectiveness.

Additionally, university scientists require more information on grower interest and willingness to adopt new technologies to guide future research.

The goals of this survey are to:

1. Identify what weed control tools and technologies growers know about/are be interested in.
2. Understand the factors that will drive or hinder the adoption of these technologies.

We invite you and your community members/stakeholders to participate in our survey to help us understand your experiences and interests in adopting new weed control technologies.

Your input will be invaluable in shaping future research and guiding the development of solutions that benefit New York state, the Great Lakes Fruit Production Region, and the US at large.

Thank you for your time and participation and support!

https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eqzMrFKtlcDjjgO

The survey is being administered out of Iowa State University and has been IRB approved.

