

California Small Farms Conference: High Value, Specialty Crops and Innovative Production Systems Field Course

The University of California Cooperative Extension in San Diego County in collaboration with the USDA Risk Management Agency will present this field course as part of the 2015 California Small Farms Conference. The field course will be presented in English and will be translated to Spanish. Learn techniques for managing associated risks to help you and your farm thrive in today's challenging environment.



Sunday, March 8th 2015
7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Irvine California

Field Course Leaders: Ramiro Lobo & Jose Fernandez De Soto

- 7:00 am** **Depart** from Marriott Hotel towards Irvine – Overview of San Diego County Agriculture and information packet with handout materials provided en-route
- 8:30 am** **Alegria Farms** (Orange County Great Park, Irvine)
 - ◇ Hydroponic production systems
 - ◇ Vertical, container growing systems for vegetables, strawberries & other fruits
- 10:00 am** **University of California South Coast Research & Extension Center** (Irvine)
 - Specialty Crop Production under conventional and container growing systems
 - ◇ Pitahayas or Dragon Fruit – R. Lobo, J. Fernandez De Soto & J. Aguiar
 - ◇ Blueberries (Field & Container grown) – R. Lobo, G. Tanizaki, T. Pacheco
 - ◇ Cherimoyas - Nino Cupaiuolo & Gary Bender (invited)
 - ◇ Low Chill Varieties of Apples & Stone Fruit – Speaker TBA
- 12:00 noon** **LUNCH – Provided** (Including blueberry & dragon fruit ice cream tasting)
- 1:00 pm** **Managing Risks Associated with New or Specialty Crop Production**
Jay Parsons, Extension Economist – University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- 2:00 pm** **Enterprise Risk Analysis – Hands on Demonstration of Enterprise Risk Analysis Software and other Free Internet-Based Risk Management Tools**
John Hewlett – Extension Farm Management Specialist, University of Wyoming
- 3:00 pm** **ADJOURN** and Return to San Diego Marriott Hotel



Registration/Fee:

Details are available at: <http://www.californiafarmconference.com>.
You may register for the whole conference or just for this or any of the field days.

The registration fee covers handout materials and lunch.

