



Farmer Newsletter

A newsletter made especially for
farmers of the Inland Empire!



In this issue...

Learn about the garden at Cal State San Bernardino that is working to address food insecurity, read about funding opportunities for farmers, and stay tuned for upcoming workshops!



Coyote Garden

California State University San Bernardino



The CSUSB Coyote Garden is a green space on campus dedicated to sustainable food production, sharing gardening knowledge through workshops, being a space for volunteer opportunities, and providing students with fresh produce!



BEFORE (2019)



AFTER (2021)

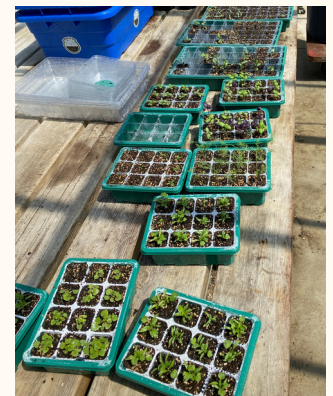
The CSUSB Coyote Garden was revamped in 2019 with collaboration between several partners on the campus. IERCD was able to provide two part time positions focused on garden outreach and maintenance in 2020. IERCD's Agriculture Technician currently supports the CSUSB garden with technical assistance and at campus events.



It is estimated that 1 in 4 students in the California State University system are food insecure, meaning they don't have reliable access to a variety of healthy, fresh foods. Without proper nutrition, students can experience difficulties succeeding in classes. The Coyote garden wants to help students by providing fresh produce to anyone who is in need, as well as teaching students how to grow their own food!



The Coyote Garden implements many techniques to use resources as efficiently as possible. Drip irrigation is used to get water directly to the soil, they also plant drought tolerant herbs like rosemary, lemongrass, and lavender - that thrive in dry climates like ours and attract beneficial insects like bees and butterflies. No pesticides or toxic chemicals are used to manage weeds or pests in the garden.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

NRCS EQIP Program (Ongoing)

The US Department of Agriculture's Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) provides financial assistance and technical support to agricultural producers to address natural resource concerns and deliver environmental benefits. These include improved water and air quality, improved irrigation efficiency, reduced soil erosion and sedimentation, and creating or enhancing wildlife habitat. EQIP is a cost-share program that helps agricultural producers improve and sustain natural resources on their operation by providing financial assistance to implement structural, vegetative, and management practices. Applications are accepted year-round! Producers must have farm records current with the Farm Service Agency and submit a complete program application to NRCS to be considered for financial assistance through EQIP. Interested landowners should contact their local NRCS office for more information.

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CUSP Drought Relief Grant (due 7/15/23)

Thanks to funding from CDFA's Small and Underserved Producers (CUSP) Program, CARCD will continue the direct to producer drought relief grants with a second round of applications and funding. For the second round of applications, an additional \$250,000 will be made available for disbursement. Applications open on April 15th and will be accepted through July 15th, 2023. Please visit the ***CUSP webpage*** for further information.

CITRUS GROWERS WEBINAR SERIES

Webinar Schedule (June 6 - June 27)

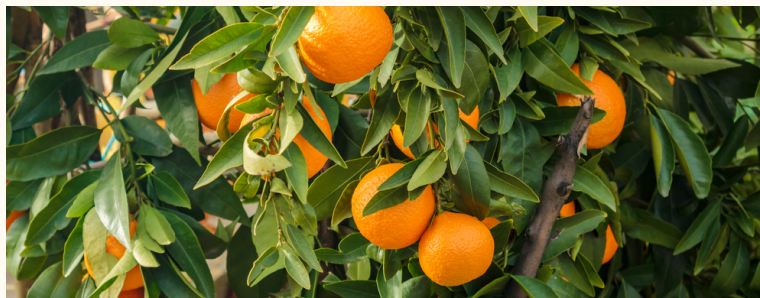
Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at 10:00 AM:
Tree Density and Pruning Affect Fruit Numbers, Size, Quality, and Maturity of Navel Oranges

Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 10:00 AM: Update on Sweet Orange Scab and Integrated Pre- and Postharvest Strategies for Decay Management

Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 10:00 AM:
Lemon Variety and Rootstock Research for California

Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 10:00 AM:
California Water Availability and Crop Water Efficiency Strategies

Follow this link for the agenda and to register:
tinyurl.com/crbwebinars2023



The Citrus Research Board (CRB) is excited to announce the return of the 2023 Citrus Growers Educational Webinar Series. CRB will be holding four one-hour webinars scheduled for June 6, 13, 20, and 27. Each webinar will highlight valuable research and practical discussions for growers.

As of May 19, 2023, a total of 247 residential citrus trees have been confirmed positive for HLB in San Bernardino Co. New HLB tree detections continue to be found in the cities of Ontario. **[HLB quarantine maps](#)** can be found in the Citrus Insider website. When moving citrus from, to, or within an HLB quarantine, please review the **[HLB and ACP regulatory protocols](#)** and contact the **[San Bernardino Agriculture/Weights and Measures](#)** to submit the required mitigation forms. If you need a pest control or tree removal referral, please contact Sandra Zwaal at szwaal2@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Soil Care & Pest Management

Saturday, June 17th, 2023, at 11AM:

Learn how to maintain healthy soil and reduce the use of harmful chemicals in your garden. Don't miss this opportunity to grow a thriving garden while caring for our environment! Free Lavender plants for those who attend.

**Hosted at the Garcia Center for the Arts
536 W 11th Street San Bernardino, CA 92410**



Preserving Summer Tomatoes

Saturday, July 22, 2023, Time TBD:

Learn how to preserve your tomato harvest following food safety guidelines, so that you can have the flavor of summer tomatoes all year round! Check out the Garcia Center website and social media accounts for the exact time and other workshop details.

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