



Weed Management *Workshop and Field Day*

Thursday, February 20, 2014, 9 am - 1 pm
Sunol AgPark (Sunol, southern Alameda County)

Presenter:

Jim Leap. Farm Manager, emeritus, for the UC Santa Cruz Agro-ecology program farm and garden, part of the UCSC Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems. Jim is currently the farm advisor for the Sunol AgPark and other SAGE projects. He also works on USDA field station trials, advises on the UCSC farm program, and runs his own small farm.

Topics:

Weeds are commonly known as the single biggest challenge for small scale organic farmers. In this workshop we will cover the basics of effective weed management. We will discuss the pros and cons of every known tool and technique for dealing with weeds in diverse cropping systems. The following topics will be covered in a presentation format with Q & A, followed by in-field demonstrations and discussion:

** Importance of timing * Crop rotations * Planting and cultivation techniques * Flaming * Organic herbicides * Irrigation management * How to deal with problem perennials * Tillage techniques * Examples of weed management "systems"*

Targeted to **beginning farmers and ranchers**, this workshop will be followed by one more workshop this year: **Irrigation Management, March 13, 2014**. These workshops are designed to work as a series but can also be taken as single sessions. All are focused on diversified farming systems and agro-ecological practices.

Schedule:

9:00 am. Presentation at the Outdoor Classroom at the AgPark. Coffee and fruit provided.
10:30 am - noon. Field demonstrations and discussion.
Noon – 1 pm. Networking and lunch, provided at no cost to people who register in advance.

Cost:

No cost. **Free follow up technical assistance about weed management is available to a limited number of beginning farmers and ranchers in Alameda, Contra Costa and Santa Clara Counties.**

To Register:

Please RVSP to beginningfarmerrancher@sagecenter.org or visit www.sagecenter.org or call 510-526-1793 x5. The AgPark is located 505 Paloma Way, Sunol, CA

Please share this information with your networks.

This workshop and field day, part of a series funded by the **USDA NIFA Beginning Farmer & Rancher Development Program** (Grant # 2011-49400-30641), are presented in collaboration with the Alameda County Resources Conservation District. These educational events cover a range of topics relevant to beginning farmers and ranchers and also offer opportunities for mentorship and follow-up technical assistance.

