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MODOC RANCH ROUNDUP

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Greetings from the Farm Advisor,

There are so many great events happening in the next couple months, we wanted to send out a reminder email to Save the Date and join us. Whether you are a hay producer, raise cattle, are into soil health, want to learn more about wild horses, or are interested in growing your own food - We have something for you! If you have any questions or need some help, please reach out. Laurie, Simar and I are glad to help.

Best regards,
Laura

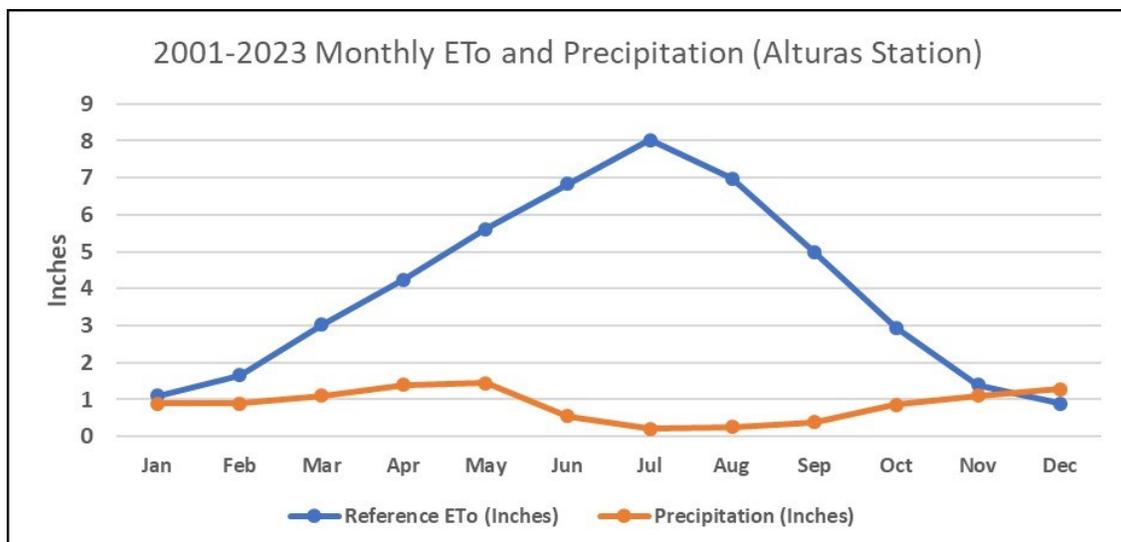
Learn About Grazing Technology

There is still one more time to learn about new grazing technologies this spring, catch David Lile and Laura Snell in McArthur at the Shasta Winter Ag Meeting. Feb 29th 8am-1pm at the Intermountain Fairgrounds.



Josh, Laura, and David showing off some new grazing tools

Are you curious about how to access the California Irrigation Management Information System (CIMIS)? Did you know there is a new CIMIS station in Big Valley? Check out this blog about how to use CIMIS to aid irrigation management and how to access the data. <https://www.devilsgardenucce.org/post/understanding-local-weather-data-and-using-it-for-irrigation-decisions-and-planning-how-to-access-c>



Neonatal Calf Health Workshop March 7

5:30-8:30 at the Brass Rail

Join UCCE Livestock Advisors and Gaby Maier the UC State Beef Health Veterinarian to learn about calving health, practice tubing calves and participate in a little competition to find the best calf tubing producer in Modoc County. Dinner sponsored by the Modoc County Cattlemen and no host bar available.



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NEWBORN CALF HEALTH WORKSHOP

MARCH 7TH 5:30-8:30PM

THE BRASS RAIL

395 LAKE VIEW DR, ALTURAS, CA 96101

DINNER SPONSORED BY MODOC
COUNTY CATTLEMEN

- Colostrum Management and Feeding
- Hands-on Demonstrations and Practice
- Castration, First Aid and Naval Care
- Calf Vaccinations and Nutritional Supplementation



FEATURED SPEAKERS

Dr. Gaby Maier, DVM, PhD, DACVPM
Beef Cattle Herd Health & Production
Assistant Professor of Cooperative Extension

Dr. Essam M. Abdelfattah, PhD
UC Davis Veterinary Medicine

How are your calf tubing skills? Practice with a real-life calf dummy and compete with your fellow producers for prizes.

Modoc County

Cattlemen's Association

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It's Ag Expo Time!

Join us in Cedarville for the Modoc Ag Expo. Reserve your commercial booth today for \$100, or just come to the Expo at the Fairgrounds in Cedarville. We are putting together a great group of speakers and lunch will be served!



FREE ADMISSION & LUNCHEON - RSVP for lunch by calling!

Trade Show Vendors Welcome!! To RSVP for lunch, learn about becoming a sponsor or vendor contact Cheryl Kunert at 530-233-6400 or cmkunert@ucanr.edu. RSVP by March 14th. All donations and contributions benefit the Modoc Heritage Foundation, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. www.modocheritagefoundation.org

- 10:00 a.m. Morning Registration & Trade Show includes coffee and conversation
- 10:45 a.m. Introductions & "Update on Kochia in Surprise Valley" - Tom Getts, UCCE Lassen
- 11:00 a.m. "Updates on Apiary Ordinance Status, Noxious Weed Program, Grasshopper Disaster Declaration Status and Pesticide Use Regulations." - Heather Kelly, Modoc Co. Ag Commissioner
- 11:20 a.m. "Alfalfa yield mapping techniques at field scale." - Ahmed Kayad, Tulelake IREC
- 11:40 a.m. "Winter Annual Cover Cropping Systems" - Juan Solomon, Associate Professor of Agronomy UNR
- 12:00 a.m. Lunch - courtesy of **Modoc Farm Supply**. Visit the Trade Show!!
- 12:30 p.m. "California Farming Regulation Updates" - Ned Coe, Modoc BOS & California Farm Bureau
- 12:45 p.m. "Carbon Market Opportunities for Farmers & Ranchers" - Jake Tilden-Browning, Agoro Carbon
- 1:05 p.m. "The Use of the Lawson Aerator on Rangelands" - Charlie D. Clements and Dan Harmon, USDA ARS
- 1:25 p.m. "Salinity tolerance in Alfalfa: General Management Practices" - Simarjeet Singh, UCCE Modoc
- 1:50 p.m. "Surprise Valley Healthy Soils Research Update, what we have learned" - Elyse Blaker, Modoc RCD
- 2:10 p.m. "Farm Service Agency Updates" - Debi Michaels, FSA Regional Director

Continuing Education Hours for California, Nevada and Oregon offered & Restricted Materials Permits

2024 Modoc Ag Expo Vendor & Donation Form

Please make checks payable to:

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Return this form to - UCCE Modoc
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PO Box 295 - Cedarville, CA 96104
RSVP for lunch by March 14, (530)233-6400



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Farmers, Gardeners, Makers, Eaters: Read on!

It's not too late to join the Conference! The California Small Farms Conference is mostly online this year, so it's super easy to sit in on information-filled sessions without driving a million miles. It's taking place February 25-March 1. Registration is on a sliding scale starting at \$0, and you can attend one session or many. [Sign up here.](#)

Mark your calendars! It's Tunnel Time. The rebooted High Tunnel Greenhouse Users Group is reconvening on **May 4!** Join other high tunnel users at a beautiful farm not too far from Alturas. Meet other producers and learn a bit about resources from the UC Cooperative Extension, Natural Resources Conservation District, and others. You can [sign up here](#) to RSVP or just to be added to the mailing list so you can stay up to date on opportunities.

Find Your Farmer Event in K Falls: Folks living near the northern border of our county may want to drop in on [this information session and mixer on March 8](#) - meet some other farmers and people interested in buying local food and enjoy some music and refreshments. It ought to be a good time. No charge, but donations are appreciated.

In the loop: If you are a farmer or rancher and you'd like to stay in touch with training and funding opportunities or connect with other producers in Modoc, Lassen, and Siskiyou counties, you might love to be on the mailing list for food producers in our region. [Contact Laurie Wayne](#) at the Extension office (233-6400) to get on our spam-free mailing list.



We're Hiring! Come join us this summer as part of the Shared Stewardship Partnership. One of these positions will also be helping in the Cooperative Extension Office with research and outreach.

MODOC SHARED STEWARDSHIP PARTNERSHIP
COME WORK WITH US ON PUBLIC LANDS!

JOB OPPORTUNITIES 2024

Positions thru the Modoc County Farm Bureau - 2024	Pay Range
Archaeological Aides/Technicians (GS 4 Equiv)	Starts at \$16.95/hr
Trails and Recreation Technicians (GS 4 Equiv)	Starts at \$16.95/hr
Botany/Hydrology Technicians (GS 4 Equiv)	Starts at \$16.95/hr
Architectural Historian (GS 11 Equiv)	Starts at \$33.11/hr
East Zone Timber Technician (GS 4 Equiv)	Starts at \$16.95/hr
Natural Resource Technicians (GS 4 Equiv)	Starts at \$16.95/hr
Range Technicians (GS 4/6 Equiv)	\$16.95-22.37/hr DOE
East Side Wildlife Technician (GS 4 Equiv)	Starts at \$16.95/hr
West Zone Timber Technicians (GS 4 Equiv)	Starts at \$16.95/hr
East Side Customer Service Rep, Cedarville (GS 4 Equiv)	Starts at \$16.95/hr

Send cover letter & resume by **3/31/24** to lksnell@ucanr.edu. Applications will be reviewed as they arrive. Seasonal positions, 3-8 months. Multiple positions available.

For questions please contact Laura Snell at 530-233-6400 or lksnell@ucanr.edu or Chris Bielecki at 530-233-8850 or christophers.bielecki@usda.gov

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Our office number is (530) 233-6400. Give us a call Monday-Thursday and check in about anything in this newsletter or anything else!

SAVE THE DATES!

February 28 Modoc County Ag Department Pesticide Workshop

10am - 4pm Brass Rail, Alturas

February 29 Winter Ag Meeting

8am - 1pm George Ingram Hall, Fairgrounds, McArthur

March 7 Calving Health Workshop

5:30pm - 8:30pm Brass Rail, Alturas

March 14 BVAC - 1pm Adin Community Center

March 21 Susanville Winter Ag Meeting - Susanville

March 22 Modoc Ag Expo - Cedarville Fairgrounds

June 17 - 21 Modoc Junior Livestock Show

Alturas Livestock Complex

June 21 Jr. Livestock Community Dinner & Auction

Alturas Livestock Complex

June 22 Devil's Garden Colt Challenge

Alturas Livestock Complex

June 26 Modoc County Cattlemen's Butcher Cow

Sale - Modoc Auction Yard

June 28 - 29 Mustang Camp - Fairgrounds Susanville

July 10 - 11 Modoc Washoe Stewardship - TBA

August 22 - 25 Modoc District Fair

Cedarville Fairgrounds