

# California Avocado Growers Seminar Series 2015

Presented by

California Avocado Society, Inc., California Avocado Commission, and  
University of California Cooperative Extension

## February Seminar Topic Bees and Botryosphaeria Cankers

### Speakers

Elina Nino: Bee Specialist at UC Davis Entomology works on bee health, sociology and biology. She will be talking about basic bee biology, pollination behavior and how to manage bees to improve pollination.

Akif Eskalen: Plant Pathology Specialist at UC Riverside will be talking about the various Botryosphaeria Cankers in avocado, the causes and their management. In San Luis Obispo he will also go over what is happening with Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer, especially in the avocado orchards in San Diego.

Continuing Education Application is in the process for approval.

### Dates/Times/Locations:

**Tuesday, February 10, 2015**, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.,  
UC Cooperative Extension Office Auditorium, 2156 Sierra Way, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

**Wednesday, February 11, 2015**, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.,  
Hansen Agricultural Research and Extension Center, 14292 W. Telegraph Road, Santa Paula, CA 93060

**Thursday, February 12, 2015**, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.,  
Fallbrook Public Library, 124 S. Mission Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028

## March/April Seminar Topic Water/Salinity and Avocado Budgeting

### Speakers:

Julie Escalera: Doctoral student at UCR and has been working on the avocado nutrient/salinity trial.

Eta Takele: Farm advisor in Riverside County and has worked on avocado budgets over the last 20 years. (Speaking @ VEN & FAL locations only)

Marie Bianchi: Farm advisor in SLO County. She will give Eta's presentation @ SLO location.

### Dates/Times/Locations:

**Tuesday, March 31, 2015**, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.,  
UC Cooperative Extension Office Auditorium, 2156 Sierra Way, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

**Wednesday, April 1, 2015**, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.,  
UC Cooperative Extension Office Auditorium, 669 County Square Dr. Ventura, CA 93003

**Thursday, April 2, 2015**, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.,  
Fallbrook Public Utility District Board Rm., 990 East Mission Rd. Fallbrook, CA 92028

## June Seminar Topic Avocado Tree Physiology and Pruning

### Speakers:

Jim Downer: Farm advisor in Ventura County a Plant Pathologist and a Mater Gardener Advisor. He will cover the basic principles of tree pruning, Ben Faber: Farm advisor in Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties and his primary crop involvement are avocados and citrus. He will talk on avocado specific pruning.

### Dates/Times/Locations:

**Tuesday, June 2, 2015**, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.,  
UC Cooperative Extension Office Auditorium, 2156 Sierra Way, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

**Wednesday, June 3, 2015**, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.,  
UC Cooperative Extension Office Auditorium, 669 County Square Dr. Ventura, CA 93003

**Thursday, June 4, 2015**, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.,  
Fallbrook Public Utility District Board Rm., 990 East Mission Rd. Fallbrook, CA 92028

## August Seminar Topic Current hot topics in Avocados

### Dates/Times/Locations:

**Tuesday, August 4, 2015**, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.,  
UC Cooperative Extension Office Auditorium, 2156 Sierra Way, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

**Wednesday, August 5, 2015**, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.,  
UC Cooperative Extension Office Auditorium, 669 County Square Dr. Ventura, CA 93003

**Thursday, August 6, 2015**, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.,  
Fallbrook Public Utility District Board Rm., 990 East Mission Rd. Fallbrook, CA 92028

\* Changes on Topic, Locations and Time could occur. Updates will be posted on the Weekly Newslines, CAS Website and Facebook accounts.