

CENTRAL COAST AGRICULTURE HIGHLIGHTS

San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties



RECENT ARTICLES

Tunyalee Martin Author: Chris Laning, New UC IPM photo repository shows plant damage from herbicides

http://cesantabarbara.ucanr.edu/Strawberry_Production/?blogpost=17349&blogasset=63881

New videos from UC IPM help stone fruit growers and PCAs tackle pest problems

<http://ucanr.edu/blogs/pestnews/index.cfm>



MEDIA SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Surendra Dara talks about the latest advancements in strawberry growing.

<http://www.ksby.com/story/28997992/latest-advancements-in-strawberry-growing-discussed-in-santa-maria>

KSBY channel reported about the micro-sprinkler study currently underway in Santa Maria.

<http://www.ksby.com/story/28942288/researchers-looking-for-ways-to-reduce-water-for-strawberry-production>

Fitchette, Todd: Harvest crews move quick to pick strawberries

<http://westernfarmpress.com/miscellaneous/harvest-crews-move-quick-pick-strawberries#slide-0-field-images-158381>

Latest advancements in strawberry growing discussed in Santa Maria

By KSBY Staff



Researchers looking for ways to reduce water for strawberry production

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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS AND INFORMATION



Dr. Surendra Dara hosted his **Annual Santa Maria Strawberry Field Day** on May 6, 2015. Guest speakers included farm advisors, specialists, and professionals in the agriculture industry. Over 130 people attended the event to hear presentations on a wide variety of topics including pesticide safety training, water management, mineral nutrition, the impact of entomopathogenic fungi and beneficial microbes on strawberry plant health and yield, biopesticides and the potential of using drones in strawberry production. The meeting was followed by a field tour of micro-sprinkler and beneficial microbes studies.

ADVISOR ARTICLES

Dara, Surendra, UCCE Strawberry and Vegetable Crops & Affiliated IPM Advisor

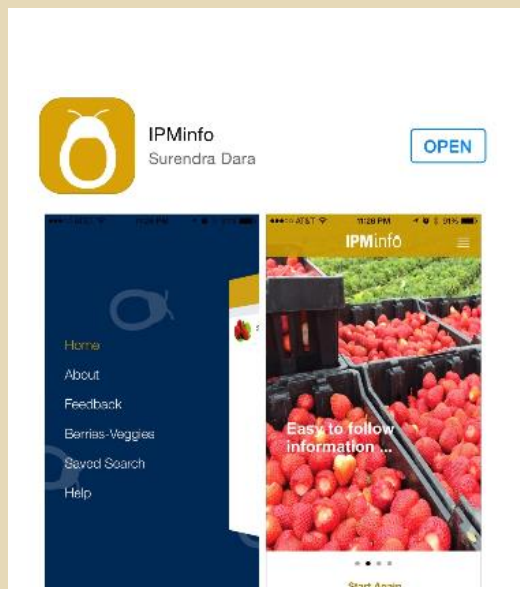
Weed management with pendimethalin in Central Coast lettuce

<http://ucanr.edu/blogs/blogcore/postdetail.cfm?postnum=18096>

Dara, Surendra, UCCE Strawberry and Vegetable Crops & Affiliated IPM Advisor

New invasive pest, the ficus eye-spot midge, *Horidiplosis ficifolii* in California

<http://ucanr.edu/blogs/blogcore/postdetail.cfm?postnum=17951>



FIRST IPM Iphone APP!

IPMinfo is the first IPM information app from University of California and currently has information on strawberry pests and diseases. It provides one-touch access about the biology, symptoms of damage, and management options of pests and diseases to agricultural professionals.

Learn more!

<http://ucanr.edu/blogs/strawberries-vegetables/index.cfm>

MEETING PRESENTATIONS

May 6, 2015 Annual Santa Maria Strawberry Field Day, Manzanita Berry Farms

Presentations or handouts from the field day can be downloaded by clicking on the following links

Blecker- [Pesticide Worker Safety Training Requirements](#)

Blecker- [Pesticide Safety Training Requirements for Fieldworkers and Pesticide Handlers English and Spanish](#)

Blecker- [Pesticide trends](#)

Sharrett- [Irrigation training update](#)

Ramirez- [Microsprinkler](#)

Dara- [Entomopathogenic fungi and beneficial microbes-Strawberry field day](#)

Dara- [Micro-sprinklers for water conservation and pest and disease control-Strawberry field day](#)

Holden- [Biopesticides and biostimulants](#)

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