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## Annual Past Presidents' Lunch at the 2026 Annual Retreat



**(L-R) County Supervisor Kim DeSerpa, Farm Bureau President John Pisturino and County Supervisor Felipe Hernandez presenting the County of Santa Cruz resolution recognizing the Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau for being named "County of the Year".**

The 2026 Past Presidents' Lunch was held in January at Rancho Santa Maria. The guest speaker was Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy, Daniel Freitas. Pictured above (L-R) Tom Am Rhein, Mike Jani, Steve Bontadelli, Dennis Webb, Nita Gizdich, Chris Enright, John E. Eiskamp, Daniel Freitas, Santa Cruz County Sheriff, Brenden Miele, Sherry Mehl, Jess Brown, C.J. Miller, Arnett Young, Cynthia Mathiesen, David Van Lennep, John Pisturino and Tom Broz.

The Annual Board Retreat was held following the Past Presidents' Luncheon with speakers Sheriff Chris Clark, County Supervisors Felipe Hernandez and Kim De Serpa, County CEO Nicole Coburn, Marcus Pimental with Watsonville Hospital, Erica Padilla-Chavez with Second Harvest Food Bank and 1st Vice-President of the California Farm Bureau, Shaun Crook. ■

# President's Message

## Farm Bureau Retreat



John Pisturino, President

We held our annual board retreat at Rancho Santa Maria on January 29<sup>th</sup>. The DiNapoli Family graciously have allowed us to hold it here for over 20 years. It was quite informative and productive. Prior to the retreat, we held our Annual Past Presidents' Lunch, which was sponsored by Past Presidents' Kirk Schmidt, Mike Jani, Sherry Mehl, John E. Eiskamp and Tom Broz. Chief Deputy of the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Department, Daniel Freitas, was our guest speaker. The primary topic was immigration and homelessness, which generated a lively question and answer session. Chief Deputy Freitas was extremely helpful in leading the discussion on the topic.

At the retreat our presenters included Sheriff Chris Clark, County Supervisors Felipe Hernandez and Kim DeSerpa, the new county CEO, Nicole Coburn, Marcus Pimentel

from Watsonville Hospital, Erica Padilla-Chavez, CEO of Second Harvest Food Bank and Shaun Crook, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President of the California Farm Bureau.

We also took time to discuss internal issues and programs, such as membership, highlights of 2024/2025 fiscal year, renaming of the Friends of Local Agriculture, update on the strategic plan, etc.

A special surprise at the retreat was the presentation made by Supervisors Felipe Hernandez and Kim DeSerpa with a County Resolution recognizing the Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau for winning the "County of the Year" award at the State conference.

We're very fortunate to have such an excellent board of directors. I'm humbled to be working with such an excellent group of individuals. ■



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# ASK EMILY

**Emily Jane Freed, UC Cooperative Extension Area Director,  
Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Benito Counties**

## UCCE's Footprint is Expanding in 2026



Emily Jane Freed

The University of California Cooperative Extension's footprint in Santa Cruz County is expanding in 2026. Currently, the Central Coast Unit (Santa Cruz, San Benito, and Monterey

Counties) has 10 incredible Advisors who specialize in applied research related to strawberries and caneberries, forestry, viticulture, entomology, pathology, water and irrigation, agricultural technology, animal science, livestock and natural resources, and fire science.

In February 2026, the Central Coast Unit will be joined by Carrie Brown, the new Environmental Horticulture and Controlled Environment Agriculture Advisor. She will be based out of the Santa Cruz County Cooperative Extension office in Watsonville. Carrie comes to the Central Coast from Ohio, where she was previously the Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator for Ohio State University Extension in Fairfield County. She will oversee the Monterey and Santa Cruz Master Gardeners, and she is excited to dive into sustainable agriculture,

soil health, invasive weed management, native plants, and community science. Carrie will have a four-county appointment and serve Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey, and San Mateo Counties.

In July 2026, Nick Clark will also join the Central Coast Unit as the new Vegetable Crop and Weed Science Advisor, and he will be based out of Monterey County Cooperative Extension office in Salinas. Nick has worked with the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR) for 12 years, ten of those as a Farm Advisor, and supported growers in Kings, Fresno, and Tulare Counties on field crops and nutrient management. He looks forward to swapping out the Central Valley heat for the coastal climate and is thrilled to apply his diverse background and expertise in field crops and nutrient management. Nick will serve Santa Cruz, San Benito, and Monterey Counties.

As always, reach out to Emily if you are interested in learning more about Cooperative Extension or connecting with the new Environmental Horticulture and Vegetable Crop Advisors. Emily Jane Freed can be reached at [ejfreed@ucanr.edu](mailto:ejfreed@ucanr.edu). ■

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# THE WATER NANNY

## The Collapse Of A Shared Reality

The reality of a farmer is not the same as some city slicker, however, until recently everyone in general accepted federal policy implementation. Laws and regulations, in California, Nebraska and D.C. would go through committees for review and votes before adoption. EPA was established after many hearings and a vote before Congress. CalEPA and the Water Board publish proposed regulations, which are discussed in hearings, and possibly adopted, after discussion and modification. While a farmer's view of the results may not be positive, it goes through an open process. This allows time to adapt to the law or regulations before it is implemented. This has been our reality for decades.

For the past year, the wisdom out of D.C. has been spontaneous, possibly highly entertaining in a Puckish way, but not ever subject to public review, or science. Hopefully this is not our new, diverse, reality. Let's look at random spontaneity. We are no longer minting pennies. Well yes, the cost of minting a penny exceed the value of the coinage. However, if you sell anything by weight or volume, state law requires payment, to two decimals, for the product. Pennies are very important to Weights and Measures. Now there are several work-arounds, mostly with the merchant loosing up to 4¢ per transaction. Maybe not a big financial hit, but there should be a standard proposal, so produce sellers do not have to deal with irate customers. Then from the other side of the world, for national security reasons, you cannot import a Chinese drone, even though that is about 80% of those operating in this nascent crop protection system. I have a drone, and I cannot figure out how it is a threat to our nation,

still your next drone is Buy American (with a real backlog in shipping). Let's not even go into lawless ICE.



More significantly there is MAHA (Make America Health Again). We have seen the Ag Department severely reduce SNAP (food stamps for the older audience) in February, along with grants to Food Banks to purchase organic and conventional food from local farmers, hurting famers and charity recipients of our food. Now MAHA supports fresh produce, without subsidies, yet reverses the food pyramid to

show meat and chicken a better option than organic kale or brussels sprouts. The public comments on this change were about the same as the scientific input on childhood vaccines (none).

MAHA also has its sights on Roundup (glyphosate). While roundup is not organic, the farthest from it, it benefits so many farmers, for local weed control and for increased harvests of wheat and corn in the Midwest. Now I personally buy my noodles, non GMO, non-roundup, from Italy where roundup ready wheat is forbidden. However, EPA for decades has no problem with roundup. Now this all seems to come to a head as the Supreme Court is considering an appeal that since roundup was "listed" as not a cancer causing pesticide, contrary to many random suits by local gardeners, and the old EPA scientific advice has been rescinded 25 years after it was first published. However, the question before the Court, which may void the past financial judgments (\$\$\$\$), turns it back to the Dept. of Health and the EPA. While the Ag Dept and EPA support Roundup, not so with RFK, jr. The result may become a sudden withdrawal of this Ag chemical, which may drive a death knell through Midwestern farmers finances, after no soybean sales to China. This will not be completed with review and consent, it is yet another sudden move which will be detrimental to growers. This is not how the government improves our "shared" reality.



"Reality leaves a lot to the imagination." (John Lennon)  
"Reality has a well-known liberal bias." (Stephen Colbert)  
"Reality is just a crutch for people who can't cope with drugs." (Robin Williams) ■



# FAVORITE RECIPES

## Shrimp Noodle Soup

Editor's Note: This recipe from "All Recipes 100 Best Recipes" and will fill your tummy and warm you up on these cold winter days. Hope you try it and enjoy it as much as we did.

1 Tablespoon vegetable oil	1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper
1/2 cup chopped onions	4 ounces linguine pasta, broken into shorter lengths
2 teaspoons grated fresh ginger	1 1/2 cups coarsely chopped baby bok choy
2 cloves garlic, minced	1 pound frozen large shrimp (31-35/lb.), thawed, peeled and deveined
2 Tablespoons lemon juice	1 cup frozen peas
4 cups low-sodium vegetable broth	Chili crisp, for garnish
2 Tablespoons low-sodium soy sauce	

Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add onion; cook, stirring occasionally, until tender, about 5 minutes. Add ginger and garlic, cook and stir until fragrant, 1 minute. Add lemon juice, then use a wooden spoon or spatula to scrape up any browned bits from bottom of pan.

Add broth, soy sauce and crushed red pepper. Bring to boiling. Add pasta. Cook according to package directions, adding bok choy, shrimp and peas for the last 3 minutes of cooking time. Garnish with chili crisp.

## Lemon Olive Oil Cake

If your ready for a little dessert now, try this tender and moist olive oil cake. It can be made ahead of time and enjoyed any time you're ready for a tasty snack.

2 large eggs, room temperature	3 Tablespoons lemon juice
2/3 cup sugar	1 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil	1 teaspoon baking powder
1/3 cup 2% milk	1/4 teaspoon salt
1 Tablespoon grated lemon zest	Confectioners' sugar

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Line a greased 8 inch round baking pan with parchment. In a large bowl, beat eggs on high speed 3 minutes. Gradually add sugar, beating until thickened. Gradually beat in oil. Beat in milk, lemon zest and lemon juice.

In another bowl, whisk flour, baking powder and salt; fold into the egg mixture. Transfer batter to prepared pan, spreading evenly. Bake until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, 30-35 minutes. Cool in pan for 15 minutes before removing to a wire rack; remove parchment. Cool completely. Dust with confectioners' sugar.



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## I am a Farm Bureau member because...

"As a small nonprofit serving people experiencing homelessness, investing in memberships is not a light decision. We joined the Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau to be connected to and learn from the work of the Farm Bureau and build relationships with our local farming community. We hope to see you on the farm!"

Darrie Ganzhorn, Executive Director  
Homeless Garden Project



### Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau

#### **National Agriculture Day Spring Luncheon**

Wednesday, March 18, 2026  
Heritage Hall, Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds

#### **SCCFB 109th Annual Meeting**

Thursday, June 25, 2026  
Location TBD

#### **California State Fair**

Friday, July 17, 2026 to Sunday, August 2, 2026  
Cal Expo, Sacramento

#### **Santa Cruz County Fair**

Wednesday, September 16 to Sunday, September 20, 2026  
Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds

#### **33rd Annual Golf Tournament**

Friday, September 25, 2026  
Pajaro Valley Golf Club

#### **Annual Directors' Dinner**

Thursday, November 5, 2026  
Location to be determined

#### **CFBF Annual Meeting**

December 1, 2026 to December 4, 2026  
Reno, NV

### Agri-Culture

#### **18th Annual Down to Earth Women Luncheon**

Thursday, May 14, 2026  
Driscoll's Rancho Corralitos

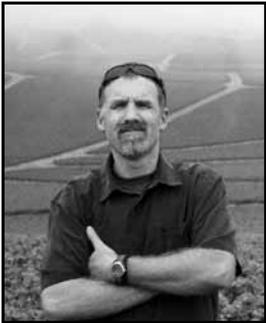
#### **18th Annual Testicle Festival**

Saturday, August 29, 2026  
Estrada Deer Camp

#### **30th Annual Farm Dinner**

Friday, October 9, 2026  
Land Trust Little Bee Barn

## Annual Crop Report Production Survey



David Sanford

The Agricultural Commissioner's Office is currently distributing crop report surveys to all growers to collect 2025 production data. We anticipate receiving completed surveys in the coming weeks. This information is used exclusively to compile the annual crop report, which summarizes countywide agricultural statistics. Individual grower, property, or business details are never disclosed, and all surveys are destroyed once the report is finalized.

Preparing the annual crop report is a key responsibility of the Agricultural Commissioner and provides valuable insight into the health and trends of Santa Cruz County's farming community. The report highlights local production and

economic data, serving as an important resource for growers and the public. For example, in 2024, Santa Cruz County's total gross production value was \$741,917,000, with strawberries leading at \$218,925,000. This data also contributes to state and national assessments by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). California agriculture remains the nation's leader, valued at \$61.2 billion in 2024, producing over one-third of U.S. vegetables and two-thirds of fruits and nuts.

Your participation is essential. Accurate local data helps strengthen agriculture at the county, state, and national levels. Thank you for taking the time to complete and return your survey – your contribution makes a difference. ■



## Amazing Facts About US Agriculture

- The United States is a global leader in agriculture, with over 2 million farms, contributing more than 1 trillion to the economy annually.
- Agriculture is the largest industry in the United States contributing over 1 trillion to the economy each year. This includes not only the value of crops and livestock but also the supporting industries like equipment manufacturing and food processing.
- The US is the world's largest producer of corn and soybeans, which are major exports. Other top commodities include cattle, dairy products and poultry
- Approximately 95% of farms in the US are family operated and these family farms account for 90% of total agricultural production value. This highlights the importance of family-run operations in the agricultural landscape.
- Agriculture employs more than 24 million workers, which is about 17% of the total workforce in the country. This includes a wide range of jobs from farming to food production.

# 33RD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

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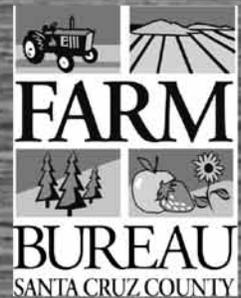
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Written by Cameron McDonald, Agriculture Program Specialist  
Resource Conservation District, Santa Cruz County

## Upcoming CropManage Trainings in Watsonville

Interested in improving your nutrient and irrigation management? Two free, hands-on CropManage workshops are coming up in Watsonville.

The first workshop will be held in **Spanish on February 13, 2026**, followed by an **English workshop on March 20, 2026**. Registration is required, and space is limited. Lunch will be provided at both workshops. Irrigation professionals from UC ANR and the Resource Conservation District (RCD) will be available to provide one-on-one assistance. These sessions will offer hands-on training using the newest version of CropManage.

CropManage is a free, online decision-support tool designed to help growers manage irrigation and nutrients for vegetables, fruit, and tree crops. Developed from University of California research, CropManage delivers real-time recommendations to improve water and fertilizer efficiency while maintaining or increasing crop yields. It is also an excellent tool for recordkeeping, allowing users to easily track irrigation events, fertilizer applications, and field management activities over time. The platform is available in both English and Spanish.

**Who should attend?** Farmers, ranch managers, irrigators, field staff, crop advisors, and technical assistance providers are all welcome. The workshops are suitable for both new and existing CropManage users. Lunch will be provided.

**What to bring?** This is a hands-on, interactive workshop. Participants should bring a laptop or tablet to follow along with demonstrations and exercises. Each participant must have a free CropManage user account. If you do not already have one, please create an account in advance at: <https://cropmanage.ucanr.edu>

Please plan to arrive early to connect to the internet and log in before the workshop begins.

**Registration** for the **Spanish workshop on February 13, 2026**, is currently open, sign up here: <https://forms.gle/FxGdft93GeaVGBQz8>. Check the link for more information including directions and itinerary. General registration closes **February 12, 2026**, and space is limited to the first 30 registrants.

*To learn more and connect with RCD programs and services contact: Cameron McDonald ([cmcdonald@rcdsantacruz.org](mailto:cmcdonald@rcdsantacruz.org)), Dan Hermstad at ([dhermstad@rcdsantacruz.org](mailto:dhermstad@rcdsantacruz.org)), or Sacha Lozano at ([slozano@rcdsantacruz.org](mailto:slozano@rcdsantacruz.org)). The RCD also has programs related to forest health, fire prevention and environmental restoration. You can learn more about all our work at [www.rcdsantacruz.org](http://www.rcdsantacruz.org). All RCD services and programs are voluntary and non-regulatory. ¡Hablamos Español! ■*



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- The SCCFB grows on a foundation of **TRUST**, bringing expertise, experience and good faith action to bear on topics related to agriculture, which can be relied upon by farmers, the agricultural community, and the community at large.
- The SCCFB honors and keeps its **TRADITION** of service to the diverse people, commodities and production systems that comprise the unique and complex agriculture community in Santa Cruz County and the Pajaro Valley.



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**SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 14**  
Valentine's Day

**MONDAY - FEBRUARY 16**  
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**FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 20**  
Deadline for submitting  
Poster & Poetry entries

**THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 26**  
Board of Directors' meeting

**SUNDAY - MARCH 8**  
Daylight Savings Time  
Begins

**FRIDAY - MARCH 13**  
Focus Agriculture, Session 1

**WEDNESDAY - MARCH 18**  
National Agriculture Day  
Spring Luncheon

**THURSDAY - MARCH 20**  
1st Day of Spring

**THURSDAY - MARCH 26**  
Board of Directors' meeting

**THURSDAY - APRIL 2**  
Policy & Resource  
Committee meeting

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