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CropManage Workshop: Hands-on Training

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Bonipak Conference Room, 1850 W. Stowell Rd., Santa Maria, CA 93456

2.5 hours of CCA CEU are requested

We will offer a hands-on training to learn in depth about the features of CropManage, a free online decision support tool for water and nutrient management of coastal crops. In addition to head and romaine lettuce, CropManage now supports broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, and strawberries.

Considering that the drought has continued into a 4th year, and nutrient management continues to be linked to water quality regulations, efficiently using water and nitrogen fertilizer is a high priority for Central Coast growers. CropManage can play an important role in providing quick decision support on water and nutrient management on a field-by-field basis.

This training will provide an opportunity to learn how to use CropManage for improving the efficiency of your farming operations or for adding value to your consulting services. We will provide in depth hands-on training so that you can learn step-by-step how to navigate and use CropManage for assisting with fertilizer and water management decisions and record keeping. Wi-Fi internet access is available at our conference room so please **bring** a laptop or tablet computer so that you can follow along as we tour through the features of the software. There should be sufficient time to answer questions as we cover the following topics:

1:30-2:00	Registration and Refreshments
2:00-2:30	Introduction and update on CropManage
2:30-3:15	Getting started with CropManage
3:15	Break
3:30-4:15	Strategies for using CropManage for decision support and record keeping
4:15-4:45	Advanced features and interfacing sensors with CropManage
4:45-5:00	Discussion of new features or changes needed

To keep the group size manageable so that we can provide individual help, we would like to limit the workshop to **30 participants**. If you have attended previous workshops and or feel proficient in using the on-line tool, then you are welcome to just attend the second half of the workshop (3:30- 5 pm).

Please pre-register by September 18, 2015 online at <http://ucanr.edu/cropmanageworkshop> or call Ingrid Schumann at 805-781-5940 for additional information. Please indicate if you plan to attend the entire workshop or a part of it.

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From Hwy 101 take Main St/166 exit towards Guadalupe
South on Blosser Road
West on Stowell Road
South on S East St
West on E St
Enter into the parking lot on the left and the conference room is upstairs



Please call ahead for arrangements of special needs; every effort will be made to accommodate full participation.

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