

# HSP DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS OUTREACH EVENTS

These events are provided by HSP Demonstration Projects recipients to showcase how to implement HSP Agricultural Management Practices.

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## Cover Cropping and Soil Health in Orchard Systems

**Date:** Thursday, March 21, 2024, 9:00 - 12:00 p.m.

**Location:** Nickels Soil Lab, Marine Ave, Arbuckle, CA (0.75 mile west of the intersection of Wildwood Rd and Marine Ave)

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**Organization:** University of California, Davis

### Event Description:

Join us for a field day on cover cropping and soil health in walnut and almond orchards. Learn from experts and growers how cover crops and other soil health strategies can improve soil structure, water infiltration, nutrient cycling, weed suppression, pest management, and carbon sequestration. Don't miss this opportunity to discover the benefits of cover cropping for your orchard and the environment.

### Topics to cover:

- **Cover crops and soil cover in rolling terrain**  
Franz Niederholzer *Farm Advisor | University of California Cooperative Extension*
- **Strategies for integrated pest management in orchards**  
Hanna Kahl *Ecological Pest Management Program Specialist | CAFF*
- **Vermicompost in orchards**  
Veronica Sanchez *PhD Candidate | Dept. Land, Air & Water Resources at UC Davis*
- **Nutrient management with cover crops**  
Andrew Curtright *Postdoctoral Scholar | Dept. Land, Air & Water Resources at UC Davis*
- **Financial and technical assistance for soil health practices**  
Elizabeth Harper *Executive Director | Colusa County Resource Conservation District*

## **Healthy Soils Demonstration Field Day**

**Date:** Saturday, March 30, 2024, 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

**Location:** 7160 W California Ave., Fresno, CA

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**Registration:** <https://bit.ly/AAFHealthysoil>

**Organization:** African American Farmers of California, UC ANR

### **Event Description:**

Come check out our demonstration site and learn how we are implementing soil conservation practices.