



The Buzz in Butte County: European Honey Bees and our Native Pollinators

Friday January 23, 8:30 - noon

WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

Recently, the struggles of the European honey bee has been prominent in headlines. Both beekeepers and farmers dependant on their pollination services have been challenged by declining populations as the bees are forced to contend with various pressures including parasitic mites and Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD). With increased concern over honey bee sustainability, appreciation for the value of native pollinators has been growing. Research in the Yolo County area has documented how unmanaged native bees support crop production, and also benefit from the presence of nearby natural area and on-farm habitat. Research is being conducted locally to assess the potential use of blue orchard bees in almond pollination.

Come learn about:

- **The latest research on European honey bees**
- **The latest research on crop pollination by wild native bees**
- **Local research on blue orchard bees**
- **Practical steps to improve native pollinator populations on your land**

The workshop will include presentations by leading experts in honey bees and native pollinators, as well as information on creating and enhancing critical pollinator habitat. An interactive panel discussion with the speakers will follow.

For more information or to RSVP contact the Butte County RCD at
(530) 534-0112 x 116

Workshop Location: CSU Chico University Farm Pavilion
311 Nicholas C. Schouten Lane, Chico California



SPEAKERS:

- Dr. Eric Mussen - Extension Apiculturist with the UC Cooperative Extension.
- Mace Vaughan - Pollinator Program Director for the Xerces Society
- Sara Goldman Smith - UC IPM Research Associate
- Fred Stolp - Butte County Walnut Grower

