

## Weekly Ag Report

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Hello. My name is Cheryl Lauritsen and I am from the Lassen County Agricultural Commissioner's Office. Today I would like to share with you one of our best resources for pest management. This information is directly from the UC Statewide IPM Program website.

It helps residents, growers, land managers, community leaders, and other professional pest managers prevent and solve pest problems with the least unintended impacts on people and their surroundings.

The program draws on expertise of University of California scientists to develop and distribute UC's best information on managing pests using safe and effective techniques and strategies that protect people and the environment. These techniques and strategies are the basis of integrated pest management, or IPM.

UC IPM works through Cooperative Extension to deliver information to clients in every California county. Web and printed publications provide a wealth of how-to information about identifying and managing pests, and the program also provides online training courses.

UC IPM is a part of the UC Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR). More than 20 UC IPM employees develop and deliver programs in agricultural, urban and community, and natural resources IPM)

The mission of the UC IPM Program is to:

- Increase utilization of ecologically based integrated pest management programs
- Provide leadership in IPM including building coalitions and partnerships that link with communities and public agencies
- Increase the predictability and effectiveness of pest management techniques
- Develop science-based pest management programs that are economically and environmentally sustainable, and socially appropriate
- Protect human health and the environment by reducing risks caused by pests and pest management practices

Please visit their website at [www.ipm.ucdavis.edu](http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu).