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VEGETABLE VIEWS

Grafted Watermelon Field Day

Tuesday, June 11, 2019, 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

4866 Geer Road, Hughson, CA 95326

Free event open to the public

1.0 CCA Hours Pending

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by **6/7/2019**

Vegetable grafting has become an increasingly important tool in commercial crop production. Vegetable growers and related communities are interested in maximizing benefits of grafted plants. Our field trial, kindly supported by Dan Avila & Sons, is testing the effects of plant population and various grafted combinations on watermelon yield and fruit quality to find a balance between cost (*number of grafted plants per acre*) and fruit yield and quality. Our guest speakers will present on the development of vegetable grafting and their experience with grafted plants. Attendees will get hands-on experience combining the two plants into one with grafting a watermelon plant. Light refreshments will be served throughout the field day.

General Agenda

8:00 am **Sign in & Welcome** - Dr. Zheng Wang, Vegetable Crops Farm Advisor, UCCE Stanislaus

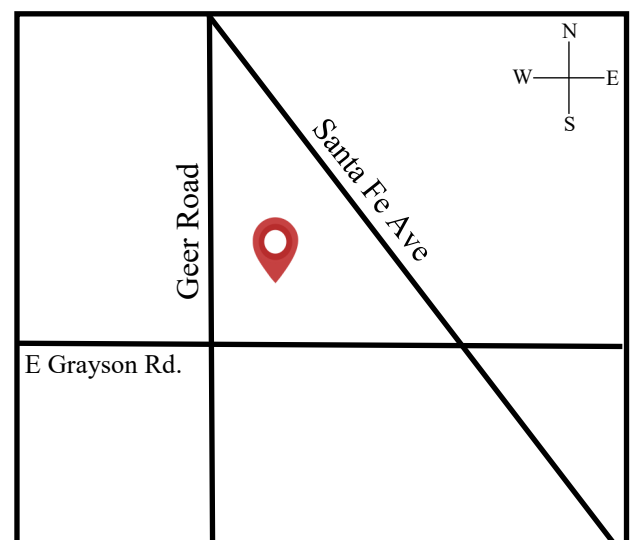
8:05am **Overview of development of vegetable grafting** - Hande Saganak, California MasterPlant

8:35 am **My experience in watermelon grafting** - Dan Avila, Owner of Dan Avila & Sons

9:05 am **Introduction of our field trial** - Dr. Zheng Wang, UCCE Vegetable Crops Farm Advisor

9:15 am **Grafting demo, hands-on practice, and field walkthrough** - Hande Saganak & Dr. Zheng Wang

11:00 am **Adjourn** - Questions



Attendees may request meeting accommodations by contacting our office at (209) 525-6800

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