



**Vegetable Crops Season Extension
Meeting and Field Day**

Thursday, February 6, 2003
9:00 a.m. - Noon
Registration: \$5.00 at the door

Blueberry Winter Meeting

Friday, February 14, 2003
8:30 a.m. - Noon
Free Meeting



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University of California Cooperative Extension Small Farms Program & USDA Risk Management invite you to a season extension demonstration on Thursday, February 6, 2003 at the Kearney Agricultural Center, 9340 S. Riverbend Avenue, Parlier. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and includes a \$5.00 fee at the door. The meeting ends at noon.



The presentations will include a review of season extension strategies as well as a demonstration of various hot caps, plastic cups, tunnels, floating row covers and hoop houses. Hot caps, plastic cups and tunnels are typically used for improving earliness of harvest and increasing vegetable crop yield. Floating row covers and shade cloth extend the season by delaying maturity and protecting against disease transmitting insect pests and are typically used in late summer and fall. Hoop houses are mobile green house structures that have been used on raspberries and blackberries but can be used on other crops.



The Kearney Ag Center is located east of the city of Parlier. Take Hwy 99, exit on Manning Avenue, go eastward approximately eight miles to Riverbend Avenue. The meeting will begin in the large building located at the entrance to the Ag Center. If you have any questions, please call Farm Advisor Manuel Jimenez at (559) 685-3303.

Blueberry Winter Meeting



UC Cooperative Extension is sponsoring a blueberry meeting on Friday, February 14, 2003. The meeting will be held at the Kearney Agricultural Center in Parlier (directions are above). Registration starts at 8:30 and the meeting ends at noon.

Presentations will include land preparation, crop establishment, acidification of irrigation water, bird management and a pruning demonstration.

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