



Almond Field Day* Integrated Crop Pollination

March 10, 2016 | 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

East side of Hwy 33, Lost Hills, CA 93249, 5.8 miles north of the intersection with Hwy 46,
then follow signs to field day

This field day will provide an overview of integrated crop pollination for almonds. Topics will include almond pollination, minimizing risks to pollinators during bloom, and research updates on blue orchard bees and wildflower plantings for almond pollination in Kern County. The field day will include a tour of an orchard integrating honey bees, blue orchard bees, and wildflower plantings. For more information contact Katharina Ullmann at katharina@xerces.org or (530) 302-5504.

9:00 **Welcome**, *David Haviland, UCCE, Kern County, Gordy Wardell, Wonderful Orchards*

9:10 **Integrated crop pollination and almonds**

- *Neal Williams, Professor, UC Davis*
- *Katharina Ullmann, Crop Pollination Specialist, Xerces Society*

9:25 **Blue Orchard Bee research update**

- *Natalie Boyle, Postdoc, USDA-ARS*

9:45 **Wildflower plantings for almond pollination**

- *Neal Williams, Professor, UC Davis*

10:05 **Reducing risks to honey bees for almond pollination**

- *Gordy Wardell, Wonderful Orchards*

10:25 **Mating disruption for navel orangeworm**

- *Brad Higbee, Wonderful Orchards*

10:45 **Technical and financial support**, *Nikki Smith, Soil Conservationist, USDA NRCS*

Bring a hat, sunscreen and good walking shoes – event will be outdoors
***CCA CEUs applied for**

Directions to Almond Pollination Field Day

- The field day will take place in an orchard east of Hwy 33
- 5.8 miles north of the intersection between Highway 33 and Highway 46
- We'll have signs up at the entrance to the orchard block
- Questions? contact Katharina Ullmann at katharina@xerces.org or (530) 302-5504.

