



Elderberry Resources

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Ongoing Information

- Join the UC SAREP Elderberry List-serve for events and announcements:
<https://asi.ucdavis.edu/programs/ucsarep/elderberrymailinglist>
- Visit the UC SAREP elderberry website for on-going information and updates about the project: <https://asi.ucdavis.edu/programs/ucsarep/research-initiatives/are/elderberry>
- Elderberry-related Facebook groups (Closed groups which require you to send a request to join. If the links don't take you to the right page, try searching by the group name on Facebook):
 - **West Coast Elderberry Growers** *“Helping commercial growers (or those exploring commercial production) along the western coast and inland USA and Canada with education, networking, and support.”*
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2367191630220941/>
 - **Elderberry Growers Connect** *“Elderberry growers join to connect and share practices and resources related to commercial planting, growing, harvesting, processing and merchandising elderberries, elderflowers and products. This group is for more experienced growers. Beginning growers are asked to learn by reading posts, but to join the NEW Elderberry Growers group to post questions which more experienced growers will answer.”* <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ElderberryGrowers/>
 - **New Elderberry Growers** *“This is a closed group for new commercial elderberry growers. Experienced growers are here to help. We offer advice to new growers in the exciting project to develop and maintain an elderberry orchard for commercial growing.”* <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1117146551789037/>

Planting hedgerows

- **Hedgerows for California Agriculture: A Resource Guide for Farmers** from Community Alliance with Family Farmers (CAFF), 2004. This manual will help you choose and care for regionally appropriate plants that attract beneficial insects and prevent erosion.
https://www.caff.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/CAFF-Hedgerow-Manual_web032118.pdf

Planting hedgerows continued

- **USDA-NRCS Conservation and Cost Share Programs:**
 - USDA general website, linking to NRCS conservation programs:
<https://www.farmers.gov/conserv>
 - General information regarding Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP):
<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/eqip/>

Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle

- **Framework for Assessing Impacts to the Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service:** https://www.fws.gov/sacramento/documents/VELB_Framework.pdf
- **Safe Harbor Agreements for Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle** (a federally listed endangered species) Landowners in certain counties can join safe harbor agreements or similar arrangements in order to provide assurances against additional future regulatory restrictions in connection with incidental disturbance of Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle associated with lawful ongoing activities such as habitat restoration, levee maintenance, and farming.

Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Shasta, Sutter, Tehama, and Yolo Counties:

Sacramento River Forum, Jane Dolan, e-mail: jdolan@sbcglobal.net
<https://www.sacramentoriver.org/forum/>

Solano County:

Solano County Water Agency, Rich Marovich, e-mail: RMarovich@scwa2.com (Solano only covers land adjacent to Putah Creek and may be switching to a Habitat Conservation Plan model. Contact Rich Marovich for details.)

Making Value-Added Products

- **CA Cottage Food Law** allows individuals to prepare and/or package certain non-potentially hazardous foods in private-home kitchens:
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/DFDCS/Pages/FDBPrograms/FoodSafetyProgram/CottageFoodOperations.aspx>
- **Processed Food Registration** covers the manufacture, processing, storage and distribution of food products in California:
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/DFDCS/Pages/FDBPrograms/FoodSafetyProgram/ProcessedFoodRegistration.aspx>

