CASI announces 4 conferences on Conservation Agriculture and Controlled Traffic Farming 2012

**August 28**
Davis • 1-4pm
UC Davis Heidrick Ag Equipment Center
113 / Hutchison • UC Davis
Davis, CA 95616
(530) 752-1898

**August 29**
Modesto • 8 - 11am
UCCE Stanislaus County
3800 Cornucopia Way, Ste A
Modesto, CA 95358
(209) 525-6800

**August 29**
Five Points • 1pm - 4pm
UC West Side Field Station
17353 West Oakland
Five Points, CA 93624
(559) 884-2416

**August 30**
Bakersfield • 8 - 11am
UCCE Kern County
1031 South Mount Vernon
Bakersfield, CA 93307
(661) 868-6200

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The Conservation Agriculture Systems Innovation Workgroup is very pleased to sponsor a series of four conferences August 28-30 throughout the Central Valley to provide farmers, consultants, NRCS conservationists, and the general public with state-of-the-art information on conservation agriculture systems and controlled traffic farming practices that are being developed around the world as economical and sustainable means for producing food, fiber, feed and energy. CASI is pleased to provide this conference series that will include five world-recognized experts on various aspects of these emerging systems. An interactive meeting format will be pursued in each session to allow for discussion and consideration of how these concepts and systems might be important for California.

**The Program**

What are conservation agriculture and controlled traffic farming systems?

What are the benefits of these types of production systems?

Why might the principles and documented research outcomes derived from these systems be important for future systems in California’s Central Valley?

What are the scientific and practical underpinnings of CA and CTF that Central Valley producers might benefit from?

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**Conservation Agriculture and Controlled Traffic Farming 2012**

**Our presenters include:**

**Jerry Hatfield**
Director of the USDA ARS National Soil Tilth Lab
Ames, IA

Dr. Hatfield’s research emphasis is on the interactions among the components of the soil-plant-atmosphere continuum and their linkage to air, water, and soil quality. He has broad experience with evaluation of farming practices on water quality, water use efficiency, and climate impacts on agriculture.

**Clay Mitchell**
Farmer
Geneseo, IA

A Harvard-educated engineer, Mitchell is widely recognized as “a farmer of the future” who has combined numerous technologies and innovations to greatly increase the efficiencies of his farm operations.

**Don Reicosky**
Retired USDA ARS
Morris MN

Don Reicosky has been called “a giant in the carbon fields” for his “ground-breaking work” on tillage-induced carbon dioxide loss, carbon sequestration, and soil quality and environmental conservation.

**Rolf Derpsch**
No-till Expert
Paraguay

One of the first people to research no-tillage technologies in Brazil and Latin America in 1971, Derpsch is a world leader in conservation tillage, on-farm research and technology development and sustainable productivity systems with permanent soil cover.

**John McPhee**
Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture
Burnie, Tasmania

John McPhee is a research and pioneer with zero-till and controlled traffic farming for intensive horticultural crops.

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