

# Using Blue Orchard Bees in California Almonds



workshop presented by  
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**USDA-ARS Bee Biology & Systematics Laboratory, Logan Utah**

*With support from the Almond Board of California*  
9 am to 11 am, informal networking 11- 12:30 pm



## **December 7, 2009**

Masonic Family Center  
1110 W. East Ave.  
**Chico, California 95926**

## **December 8, 2009**

UCCE Stanislaus County  
3800 Cornucopia Way, # A  
**Modesto, CA 95358**

- 9:00 – 9:10 Welcome**  
Joe Connell, UC Farm Advisor, Butte Co.  
Roger Duncan, UC Farm Advisor, Stanislaus Co.
- 9:10 – 9:20 Efforts to Utilize Blue Orchard Bees in California**  
Sara Goldman Smith, UC-IPM, staff research associate
- 9:20 – 9:35 Training Blue Orchard Bees to Work with Growers**  
Glen Trostle, Entomologist, USDA Logan Bee Lab
- 9:35 – 10:10 Understanding the Solitary Life of the Blue Orchard Bee**  
Jim Cane, Research Entomologist, USDA Logan Bee Lab
- 10:10 – 10:30 Successful Solitary Bee Management: Lessons from Alfalfa Seed Growers**  
Theresa Pitts-Singer, Research Entomologist, USDA Logan Bee Lab
- 10:30 – 11:00 Commercial Experience and Products**  
Series of 5 minute presentations by managers and producers of blue orchard bee (BOB)\*
- 11:00 – 12:30 General Discussion**  
Suggested topics
- status of BOB commercialization
  - nest & shelter options
  - honey bee and BOB compatibility
  - stocking densities
  - loose cell vs. nest release
  - hygienic practices

\*Contact Sara Goldman Smith to schedule 5 min. talk during Commercial Experience and Products  
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