

# Cover Crop Field Day

Lockeford Plant Materials Center, 21001 N. Elliott Rd., Lockeford, CA 95237

**Thurs., Sept. 5, 2019 - 9:30 am – 12 pm**

Cover crop advantages include: reduced soil erosion and increased water infiltration, weed suppression, enhanced nutrient cycling, reduced soil compaction, and increased water holding capacity. Depending on the species chosen, they may also provide nitrogen and pest suppression.

Cover crops are an underused tool in California agriculture. Their use can “add value” during a fallow “window” within a production cropping system. Warm season cover crops “winterkill” so there is no problem with cover crop termination for fall planting. The volume of residue produced and the ease of breakdown depends on the cover crop species.

Field Day participants will get a close look at cover crop studies at the PMC, planting equipment and information on warm and cool season cover crops .

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## Tentative Agenda

9:30 - Sign in

9:40 - Margaret Smither-Kopperl, PMC Manager - Welcome

9:45 - Tom Johnson, Kamprath Seed - Summer Cover Cropping and Windows of Opportunity.

10:00 - Valerie Bullard, PMC Agronomist - Suitable Warm Season Cover Crops for California.

10:15 - Producer Experience with Warm Season Cover Crops:  
Bowles Farming - Teff in Tomato Production

10:30 - Billy Synk, Project Apis m. - Seeds for Bees Program

10:45 - Planning for Fall Cover Crops: Logistics and Availability  
Panel - Kamprath, Lockwood, & Baglietto Seeds

11:15 - Field Trip to look at Warm Season Cover Crop Study.

**All are welcome.** No registration required, but we appreciate an email if you plan to attend. Contact [Shawn.Vue@ca.usda.gov](mailto:Shawn.Vue@ca.usda.gov), Tel: 209 867-3110 or [Margaret.Smither-Kopperl@ca.usda.gov](mailto:Margaret.Smither-Kopperl@ca.usda.gov) for more information or to arrange for any special needs.