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**Organic production Workshop is scheduled in collaboration with the University of Arizona
Cooperative Extension for
October 28, 2009 from 8:30-3:30 PM**

Sponsored by AQUA Fria NRCO and ESTRELLA Mountain Community College

Location: Estrella Mountain Community College, Room: Planning and development, 3000 North Dysart Rd. Avondale AZ 85392, meeting room will be posted, follow the signs

Please register by phone 623 535 5055x120 or email: mohammed.zerkoune@az.usda.gov

Agenda

8:30-9:00: **Organic Farming Experience**

TBA, organic production farming

9:00-9:10: **Organic production survey**

Steve Manheiner: National Ag Statistics Service, Director Arizona Ag Statistics

9:10-9:50: **Organic Certification and Integrated Pest Management**

Rex Dufour: Manager, National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT), Davis California

9:50-10:50: **Soil Microbiology in Relation to Plant Growth and Health**

Dr. Robert Linderman, former ARS Research Scientist, Plant Pathologist, currently founder and owner of Plant Health Company, Corvallis Or

10:50-11:00: **Short break**

11:00-12:00: **Weed Control in Organic Production and Cover Crops**

Dr. Ron Odin, Research Scientist Colorado State University and Extension Soil Specialist Organic/Sustainable Agriculture

12:00-12:30: **Bio-fungicides as Effective Tools to Manage Vegetable Diseases in Arizona**

Dr. Mike Matheron Research Scientist and Extension Plant Pathologist, University of Arizona

12:30-1:10: **Break for lunch**

1:10-1:50 **Marketing Considerations with Organic Production**

Dr. Russell Tronstad. Professor and Extension Economist, Ag & Resource Economics, University of Arizona

1:50-2:10 **NRCS Assistance for Organic Production and compost utilization**

Dr. Mohammed Zerkoune, Soil Conservation worker

2:10-3:30: **Hosting Organic Farming Field Day**

TBA: Organic Farmer

3:30 meeting adjourn