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### *Leading experts assess early season pest, soil management in cotton*

Top agricultural advisors and specialists offer valuable tips for early season pest and agronomic management of the San Joaquin Valley's cotton crop during a June 12 field day in Firebaugh.

The event, scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon at the Housley and Vandenberg Farm on Sierra Avenue, will feature leading University of California Statewide Integrated Pest Management advisor Dr. Pete Goodell and Fresno County UC Cooperative Extension cotton specialist Dan Munk.

The speakers will update farmers about the cotton-growing season this spring and cover issues such as the crop-damaging lygus pest, soil and field production management and IPM practices. Directions are available in the [events section](#) of the Sustainable Cotton Project's website – [www.sustainablecotton.org](http://www.sustainablecotton.org). One and a half hours of continuing education credits have been applied for.

The field day is sponsored by the San Joaquin Sustainable Farming Project, a state- and federally funded program under the direction of the [Sustainable Cotton Project](#), a California nonprofit that has worked with Valley growers to produce environmentally friendly Cleaner Cotton™ for the consumer market. For more information contact project Director Marcia Gibbs at (530) 370-5325.

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