**A friendly reminder regarding the Dry Bean Variety Trial Meeting:**

**UC Davis Dry Bean Field Meeting to View Breeding/Variety Trials**

**Thursday, September 6, 2012, 10-11:30 am**

This trial includes plantings of lima bean: Advanced generations of large bush lima, a core collection from CIAT, nitrogen trials, and a small collection of the Caribbean (the latter two are introductions to start testing for nematode rand lygus resistance once seed increases have occurred). Common bean plantings include seed treatment trials, F4 generations of cranberry beans being selected for growth habit, seed type, and absence of shattering. There is also the Cooperative Dry Bean Nursery and a nursery with drought tolerant materials. Dr. Paul Gepts, UC Davis Plant Sciences is looking forward to feedback from growers and industry on these trials and on how commercial fields are looking this year.

This meeting will be followed by a free lunch with tri-tip, beans, salad, fresh fruit, and sodas. Please RSVP with Rachael Long at the UCCE office in Woodland (530) 666-8734 or rflong@ucdavis.edu if you plan to stay for lunch.

Directions: UC Davis Agronomy Farm: From Highway 113, go west on Hutchison Drive about 1.5 miles (turning north at the first round-a-bout and west at the second). Turn south on Hopkins Rd off Hutchison Drive. Turn east just past the Agriculture and Natural Resources building and park along the fence under the olive trees across from Bee Biology (same field as the last several years).