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TO: Carrot Breeders, Seed Producers, Growers, and Shippers

FROM: William Matthews, Phil Roberts, and Phil Simon

At 10:00 am on Thursday, September 19, 2013, at the University of California Kearney Agricultural Center, Parlier, Fresno County, we will display for your observation an extensive collection of carrots grown under intense root-knot nematode pressure. The UC Kearney Agricultural Center is located at 9240 S. Riverbend Ave., approximately one mile east of Parlier and ½ mile south of Manning Avenue. From Highway 99, exit Manning Ave. (south of Fresno) and head east approximately 7 miles. Phone (559) 646-6500.

Our trials include more than 500 entries including nematode resistant and susceptible stocks, standard California production hybrids, and a diverse collection of old open-pollinated carrots from the USDA Cooperative Breeding Program, germplasm collections, and seed companies. You are urged to participate in viewing this interesting collection, which will be of particular interest to those involved in carrot breeding. The trials are in two field plots on the station – one infested with *Meloidogyne incognita* and the other with *M. javanica*.

Parking will be available at the station headquarters (follow the signs) and you will be directed to the field sites.

The harvest and evaluation of carrots in these trials will begin Wednesday afternoon, September 18 and will continue after the field day on September 19. You are welcome to participate in these operations as well as the field day.

In many cases this notice is sent only to headquarters offices of firms which may have representatives near enough to attend. Please notify employees who may not receive this notice.

We would like to move completely to an electronic mailing of these announcements. If you know of someone that should be receiving these announcements and is not on the list, please send the names and e-mail addresses to Kim.Meyers@ars.usda.gov so we can update our list.

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