

What is the Kearney Agricultural Research and Extension IR-4 Field Research Center Program?

* Part of the [Western Region IR-4 Program](http://wrir4.ucdavis.edu/), which
  + Is part of the national [IR-4 Specialty Crops Project](http://ir4.rutgers.edu) funded by USDA NIFA and headquartered at Rutgers University, New Jersey providing safe & effective pest management solutions for specialty crop growers. The Western Region IR-4 is housed in the [Environmental Toxicology Department](http://etox.ucdavis.edu/) at the University of California, Davis.
  + Represents crop protection needs for 13 Western States: AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY, & The Pacific Island Territories
  + Has field, laboratory and quality assurance units based at UC Davis
  + Is federally funded by USDA NIFA grants
* A program based at Kearney that annually conducts up to 50 IR-4 field trials on food use crops
  + The largest IR-4 field research center in the country
  + Mimics commercial practices for research on:
    - Diverse field, row, tree and vine crops
    - Greenhouse crops
    - Mushrooms
    - Postharvest commodities, for example, avocados, oranges, lemons, kiwifruit, peaches, cherries, figs, pomegranates, almonds, pecans
  + Conducts research at
    - Kearney Agricultural Research and Extension Center
    - [Lindcove Research and Extension Center](http://ucanr.edu/sites/lindcove/)
    - [West side Research and Extension Center](http://ucanr.edu/sites/westsiderec/)
    - Cooperative grower sites