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Dear Friends and Supporters of the UC Fruit & Nut Research and Information Center,

The mission of the Fruit & Nut Research and Information Center is to aid coordination and dissemination of University of California accomplishments, research based information, and statewide research and extension activities related to fruit and nut crops.

The UC Fruit & Nut Research and Information Center Endowment Fund was established in the UC Davis Department of Plant Sciences to support our mission. Initial funding came from a portion of sales, by Foundation Plant Materials Service, of pistachio seed generated from a UCB-I pistachio tree in the research program of UCCE Pistachio Specialist, Louise Ferguson, when she worked at UC Kearney Agricultural Center. The original cross of this tree was developed by Dr. Lee Ashworth of the Department of Pathology at UC Berkeley—hence the name UCB-I.

The interest on this endowment is used to partially support the following activities:

- Updating and maintaining our website (http://fruitsandnuts@ucdavis.edu), which we use to coordinate UC-generated and other fruit and nut crop information into useable and current webpages: an interactive, real-time chill unit calculator, harvest prediction module, several nitrogen fertilization models, and an ongoing collection of UC research projects.
Facilitating communication among our industry and consumer stakeholders as well as among all UC personnel involved in fruit and nut research.
Coordinating pomology research conferences, workshops, short courses, and workgroup meetings.
Coordinating related grant applications and project development.

If you have any questions about the Center or the Endowment, please call me at (530)752-0507 or email me (lferguson@ucdavis.edu).

Thank you,
Louise Ferguson
Director, UC Fruit & Nut Research and Information Center

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