Telling the ANR story Using social media for outreach & advocacy

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What is social media?

Any online technology or practice that people use to share content, opinions, insights, experiences, perspectives and media.

User-generated content.

Examples of social media applications:



















Do you use social media?

We use social media to...

- Share our message.
- Broaden our audience: serve new kinds of people, and more people.
- Recruit new members; make new friends.
- Share information.
- Get information from others.
- Build communities or groups of users for all sorts of purposes, including advocacy.

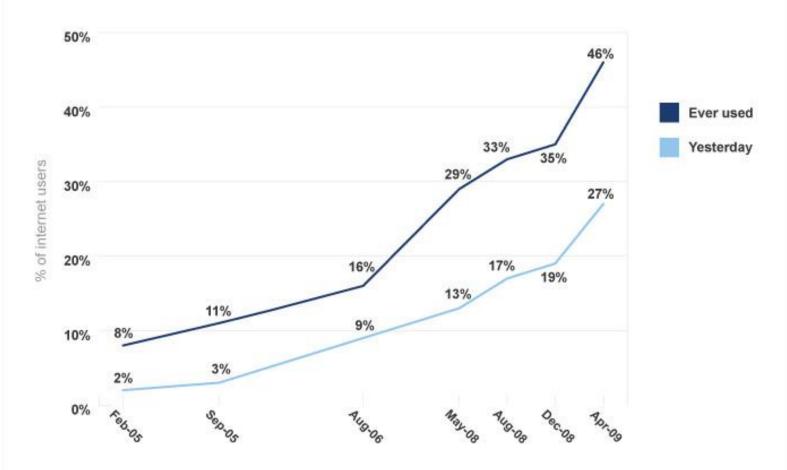
How social media may help

- Facebook has 400 million users worldwide.
 - Over 700,000 UC alums
 - Over 70,000 UC students

- Twitter is timely.
- Blogs allow you to control the message.

Growth in Adult SNS Use, 2005-2009

46% of online American adults 18 and older use a social networking site like MySpace, Facebook or LinkedIn, up from 8% in February 2005.

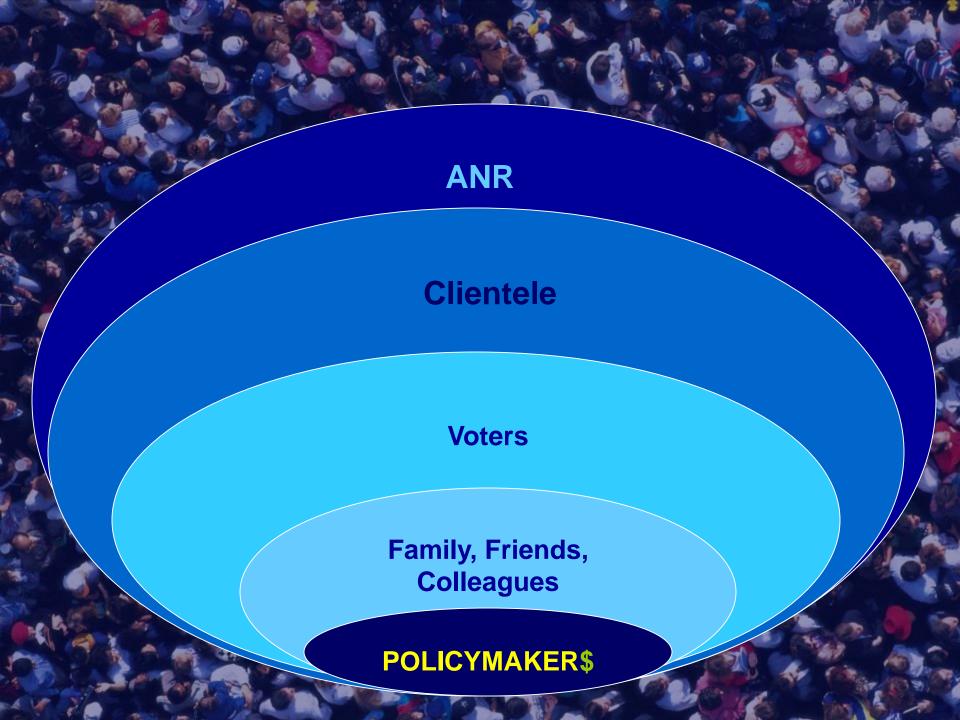




Who uses social media?

- 73% of teens & young adults use social network sites.
- 40% of adults 30+ use social sites.
- 100 million U.S. members are Latino
- 77% Latinos engage in some kind of online socializing

(Pew Internet Project 2009)



What is your news?

Which tool is best for me?

Criteria for deciding which will best fit your needs:

- Computers vs. mobile devices? *
- Updates monthly, weekly, daily?
- Will users install additional software or create an account?

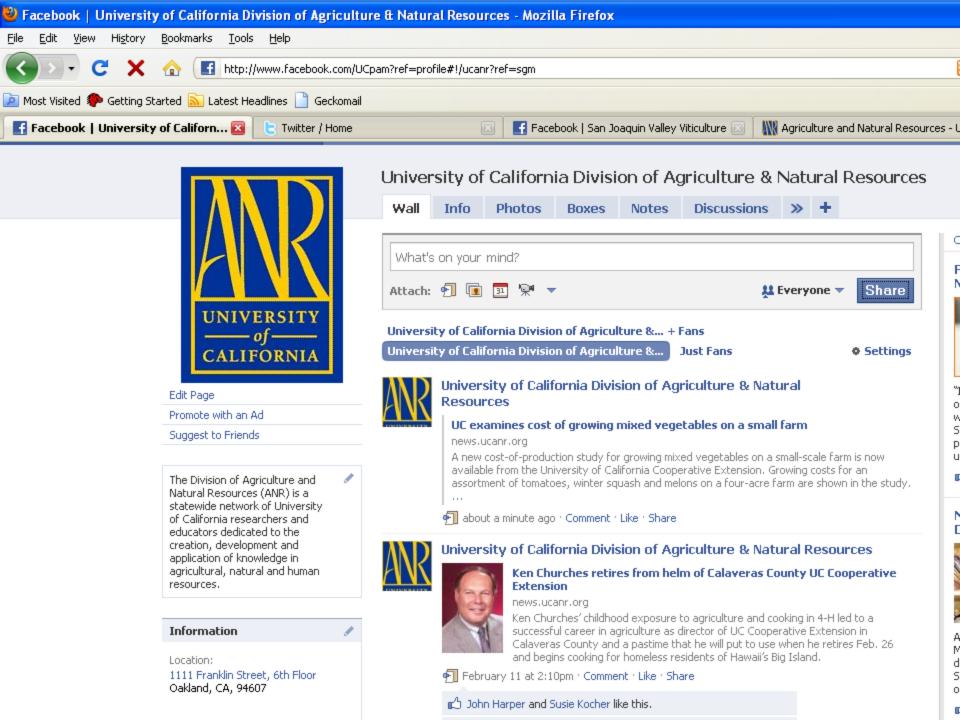
* 50+% Latinos go to Web via cell phone

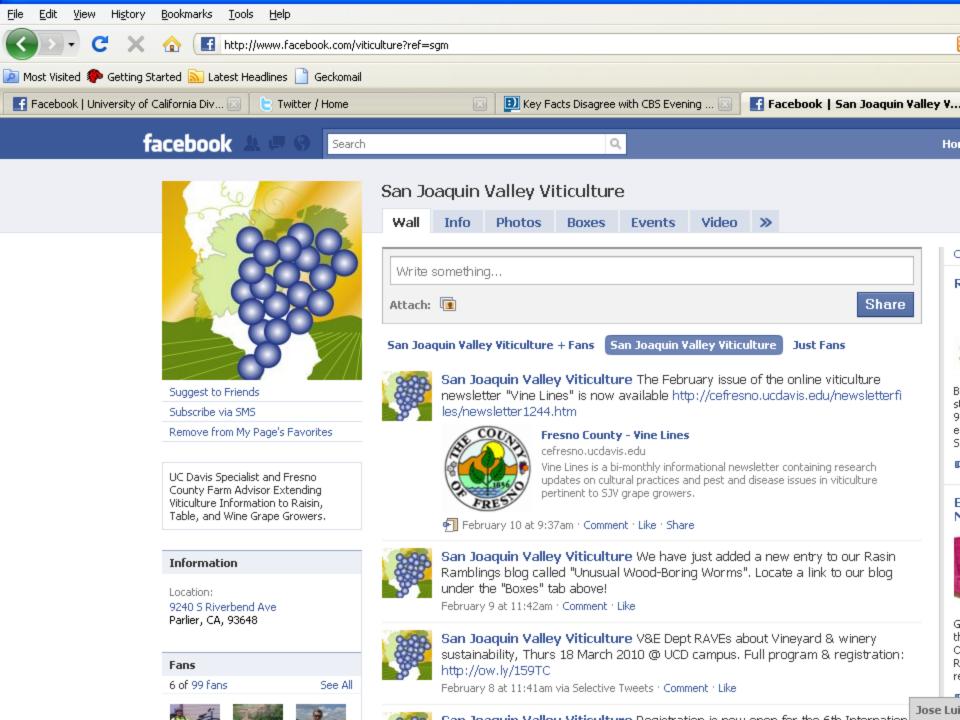
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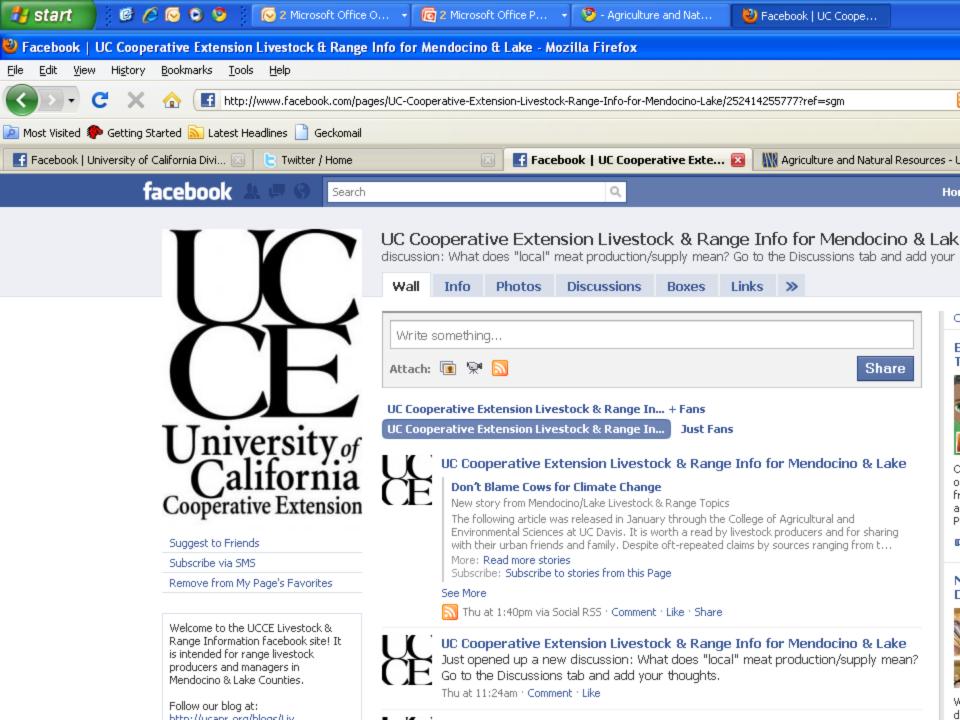
- Facebook
- Blogs
- **■** Twitter
- YouTube

Facebook

- **Facebook** is the social network of choice:
 - 73% of adult profile owners use Facebook
 - 48% have a profile on MySpace
 - 14% use LinkedIn.
- Users can join networks to connect and interact with other people.
- Facebook provides tools to create your own networks and organize movements.









Blogs... because EVERYONE has a story to tell...

Blog (short for weblog) is a personal online journal that is frequently updated.

Share information that would interest clientele, friends & neighbors.

One-way or two-way communication

Site builder blog

- UC ANR tool. Free. Easy-to-use.
- Blogroll increases traffic to UC blogs.
- See portal https://ucanr.org/portal
- http://ucanr.org/blogs/anrnews/ ANR news clips
- http://ucanr.org/blogs/bugsquad/ UCD Dept. of Entomology
- http://ucanr.org/blogs/Merced_Blog/ UCCE Merced
- http://ucanr.org/blogs/venturacountyucce/ UCCE Ventura
- http://ucanr.org/blogs/food/ NEW! ANR writers share content

Blogs - Tips

- Be brief ... 200 words 750 words.
- Post 1x-2x week.
- Hyperlink to reference & source sites.
- Avoid jargon. Public likes farmers, dislikes agriculture
- Try sharing writing responsibilities.

Twitter

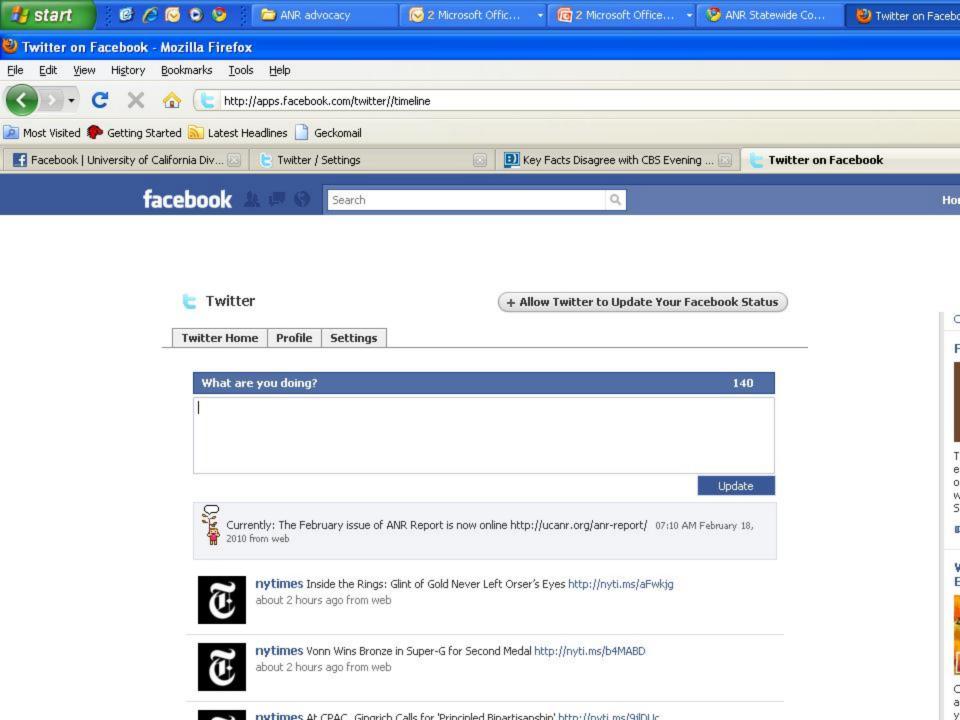
- Twitter users send and read other users' updates known as tweets text up to 140 characters.
- Users can receive updates via the Twitter Web site, instant messaging, blog feeds (RSS), e-mail or through applications such as <u>Twitterrific</u> or <u>Facebook</u>.
- Can receive as text messages on phones.

Twitter: Uses

- Announce new blog postings
- Remind people about events
- Give timely updates on rapidly changing situation such as weather, pest infestation







YouTube

- **YouTube** is a video-sharing Web site
- ANR and California 4-H have channels
 - http://www.youtube.com/user/UCANR
 - http://www.youtube.com/user/California4H
- Owned by Google and searchable
- Can go viral, like the Haagen-Dazs dancing honey bees http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OPpLUQEObhA

YouTube

- Unregistered users can watch most videos on the site.
- Registered users are permitted to upload an unlimited number of videos.
- In January 2008 alone, nearly 79 million users had viewed over 3 billion videos.
- Videos that received the most views were
 3 5 minutes (Georgia Tech, 2007)

YouTube uses

- Post how-to videos.
 - Asian citrus psyllid: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QhQX L4bwnXI
- Can organize video clips into a library for reference.
- Can "tag" videos and promote links on other sites such as Facebook, etc.

Site Builder 3

Redesign of ucanr.org

- News features
- UC Delivers
- ANR Web site review
- News in Spanish
- Social media

Go forth & socialize

■ Thank you!

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