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1. Cooperative/interdisciplinary projects

- Evaluation of growth and development of safflower under semiarid greenhouse conditions. [Kubota and Giacomelli]
- High lycopene tomato production: Effects of consumption on human plasma lycopene levels and oxidative stress. [Kubota and Thomson]
- Evaluation of antioxidants in tomato during postharvest [Javanmardi, Fonseca, Kim and Kubota]
- Analysis of ventilation and cooling in semiarid greenhouse [Sase, Kurata, Kubota, and Giacomelli]
- Designing elicitation strategies for production of chemicals from hydroponic and cell-culture systems [Cuello and Van Etten]
- Design of algal photobioreactor for hydrogen gas production [Cuello]
- Performance testing of water-cooled LED arrays [Cuello]
- Design of prototype for phytometric light meter [Cuello, Costa and Prevatt]
- South Pole Food Growth Chamber project [Giacomelli and Sadler]
- Optimization of evaporative cooling in semiarid greenhouse [Sabeh and Giacomelli]

2. Workshops/colloquia/symposia

- A 2005 NCR-101 meeting was held in Tucson, AZ, for March 12-15, 2005.
- A Greenhouse Crop Production and Engineering Design Short Course was held for January 19 to 22, 2006, as a continuing professional education short course from the University of Arizona. The course programs can be viewed at http://www.ag.arizona.edu/ceac/. The meeting included a tour to EuroFresh Co. (Willcox, AZ).

3. Publications in 2005

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- J. L. Cuello and G.J.C. Costa. 2005. Bringing Fallacies to Light Part 2: Further Debunking Radiation-Measurement Misconceptions for Plant Photosynthesis. Resource: Engineering & Technology for a Sustainable World. 12(9): 13-14.
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- Javanmardi, J. and C. Kubota. 2006. Variation of lycopene, antioxidant activity, total soluble solids and weight loss of tomato during postharvest storage. Postharvest Biology and Technology. (in press)

- Kubota, C., C.A. Thomson, M. Wu, and J. Javanmardi. 2006. Controlled environments for production of value-added food crops with high phytochemical concentrations: High lycopene tomato as an example. HortScience (in press)
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4. Internet Sites

- The University of Arizona Controlled Environment Agriculture Center home page: http://ag.arizona.edu/ceac
- Tomato Live! Website: http://ag.arizona.edu/ceac/tomlive/index.htm
- Worldwide Greenhouse Education Website: http://www.uvm.edu/wge/

5. Video/Software

- Greenhouse Environment Simulator (USDA HEC grant program)
- Visual VETH (ventilation-evaporation-temperature-humidity analysis in greenhouse)

6. New course

PLS 579/ABE 579 Applied Instrumentation for Controlled Environment Agriculture [Kubota, 3 units]