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POST-FIRE RELIEF AND WINEGRAPE RESEARCH



With an increase in the number and duration of large wildfires, the California wine industry is working together to explore ways to combat the effect of smoke exposure and fire damage on winegrapes and wine. Industry leaders in Lake County, a region that has experienced multiple devastating wildfires in recent years, are leveraging data gathered in the most recent wildfire as a means to find solutions that will help wineries and grape growers minimize the impact from these natural disasters.

The Lake County Winegrape Commission (LCWC) is collaborating with the California Association of Winegrape Growers in CAWG’s effort to seek support from Congress by expanding the scope of an existing disaster assistance bill; additional collaborators include Lake County Farm Bureau, Mendocino Winegrowers Inc., and Mendocino County Farm Bureau. The request by CAWG and industry collaborators identifies the need for \$5.25 million in funding to support intensive research to prevent and limit the effect of smoke on winegrapes during a wildfire. The research funding would support development of protective materials that can be applied in the vineyards and more accurate testing protocols for smoke compounds.

“We hope our collaborations are able to propel a more precise understanding of wildfire impacts on winegrapes,” said Debra Sommerfield, President of the LCWC. “It’s our intent to support innovative new findings that will not only further the understanding of impacts for winegrape growers in Lake County, but also set a precedent for the importance of future research across Northern California.”

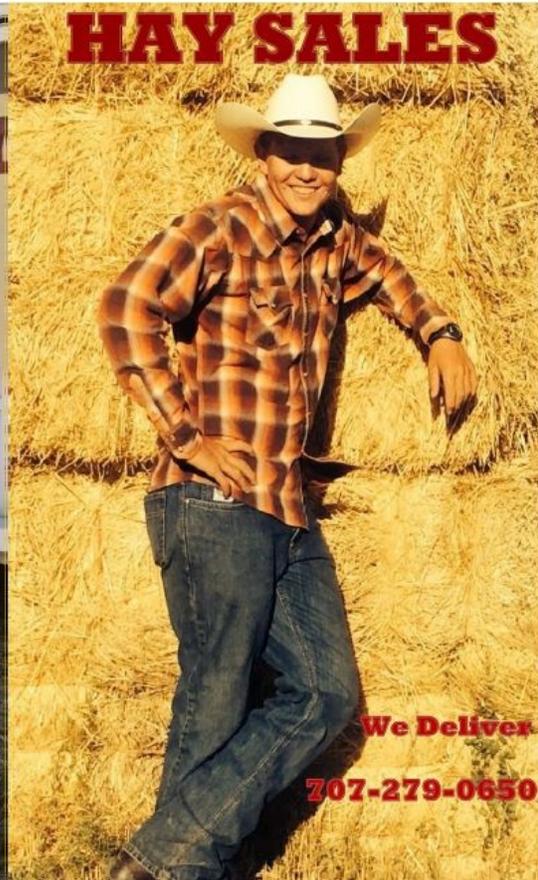
To further understand the effects of smoke from wildland fires on grapes and wines, the LCWC initiated a collaborative research project in an effort to provide actionable insights. This research project comprises regional sampling, data gathering, weather- and fire-related GIS modeling, and sensory analysis. Project partners include UC Davis, UC Cooperative Extension, ETS Laboratories, the Australian Wine Research Institute, Western Weather Group, Lake County Air Quality Management District, and individual winegrape growers and vintners.

For more information on the relief effort for Lake County Winegrape growers, please see page 6.

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Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the Lake County Farm Bureau office!

We will begin sending out the 2018 Irrigated Lands invoices in December. If your bill needs corrections, please contact the office for an adjustment. As a reminder, the 2018 invoice will reflect your fees and irrigated acreage for the 2018 growing year. If you have added or removed any irrigated acreage for 2019, this will be reflected in next year's bill. Your payments are due back to the office by January 31st.

We hope to see you at the Ag Department Continuing Education classes on December 10 and 20 at the Lake County Board of Supervisors Chambers. These meetings will offer CE credits and will contain a number of important regulatory updates including annual Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program requirements.

A Crop Insurance Seminar will be offered on January 8 at the Blue Lakes Lodge. More details are located on page 5.

Scenes from Lake County

Santa Claus rides the tractor at Ely Stage Stop. Lake County's historical Society's Ely Stat Stop & Country Museum is located at 9921 State highway 281 (Soda Bay Road) outside of Kelseyville, near Clear Lake Riviera, just north of Highway 29/Kit's Corner. Current hours of operation are 11:00 am to 3:00 pm each Saturday and Sunday.



Lake County Farm Bureau's Mission Statement

Lake County Farm Bureau strives to protect, promote, and enhance the agricultural industry in Lake County and beyond, through political involvement, education, information and services.

Do you have a story or issue related to agriculture in Lake County and would like to see it published in our newsletter? Contact the office at lcfarmbureau@sbcglobal.net!

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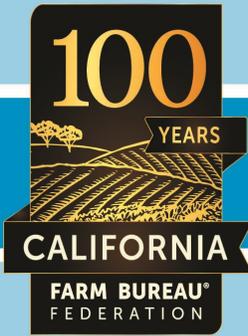
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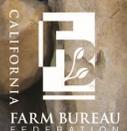
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Dates and Events, Winter 2018

Nov. 2, 16, 30 Dec. 7: Vineyards and Wineries CE

Nov. 3: Pesticide Container Recycling

December 4-7: California Farm Bureau's 100th Annual Meeting, San Diego

December 10 and 20: Lake County Ag Department Grower Meetings, Lake County Board of Supervisors Chambers

Dec. 26: Christmas

Jan. 1: Happy 2019!!

Jan. 8: Crop Insurance Seminar

Jan. 6-9: AFBF 100th Annual Meeting, New Orleans

Feb. 21-23: YF&R Conference, Sonoma

Mar. 11-13: CFBF Leader's Conference, Sacramento

Save the Date: Crop Insurance Seminar January 8, 2019

Blue Lakes Lodge, 9:00-11:00am



January's Crop Insurance Seminar is a joint effort by the Lake and Mendocino County Farm Bureaus, Lake County Winegrape Commission, California Association of Winegrape Growers and Allied Grape Growers. Topics covered will be an overview of crop insurance, an update from the Risk Management Agency and information from agents and adjustors.

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Winegrape Growers Seek Help for Wildfire Related Losses



Leaders of five farm groups representing winegrape growers joined together to request Congress include California winegrape growers in a disaster assistance bill.

Congress is expected to soon take up a disaster assistance bill to help agricultural producers in the Southeast United States devastated by hurricanes this year. Five grower groups – California Association of Winegrape Growers, Lake County Winegrape Commission, Lake County Farm Bureau, Mendocino Farm Bureau and Mendocino Winegrowers, Inc. – sent letters to U.S. Representatives from Northern California and other members of the California congressional delegation asking for assistance.

The groups' request for federal assistance consists of the following three elements –

- Extend the Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program (WHIP) to cover 2018 wildfire related losses in California, including losses attributable to smoke exposure.
- Promote greater utilization of federal crop insurance among winegrape growers by establishing clear, effective standards around smoke exposure claims and fund an aggressive outreach and education program on the benefits of crop insurance coverage.
- Provide \$5.25 million of new funding to support intensive research on smoke exposure and winegrapes. Such research will help limit future smoke exposure related losses.

“The intensity and frequency of wildfires has increased around the world and this devastating reality has been made abundantly clear in California. The assistance sought by our organizations will not only help growers affected by wildfires this year, but also in future years,” said John Aguirre, president of the California Association of Winegrape Growers.

In addition to the joint letter from 5 representative groups, the Mendocino County Farm Bureau, Lake County Farm Bureau and Lake County Board of Supervisors sent additional supporting letters for the effort.

On November 20th, Congressman Mike Thompson responded with this note to his constituents:

“Grape growers across our district are facing many challenges after last summer’s tragic fires and I am working to pursue every avenue of federal assistance to help. That’s why I urged the Appropriations Committee to reauthorize the Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program to provide assistance to growers whose grapes may have been damaged by wildfire smoke.”

Letters were sent to the following members of the California congressional delegation:

Senator Diane Feinstein
Senator Kamala Harris
Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi
Representative Jim Costa
Representative Jeff Denham
Representative John Garamendi
Representative Jared Huffman
Representative Doug LaMalfa
Representative Jimmy Panetta
Representative Mike Thompson
Representative David Valadao



Farm Bureau establishes Disaster Relief Fund

To assist farms, ranches and rural communities hurt by wildfires, floods and other natural disasters, the California Farm Bureau Federation has established a Farm and Rural Disaster Fund. Created under the California Bountiful Foundation—a charitable foundation established by CFBF—the fund will collect monetary contributions to aid communities affected by natural disasters.

“All too often, we’ve seen rural areas of California wracked by fires, floods and other natural disasters,” CFBF President Jamie Johansson said. “We created the Farm and Rural Disaster Fund in response to our members’ request to be able to provide aid to farms, ranches and rural communities that have suffered losses.”

Online contributions to the fund may be made online via the CFBF website at www.cfbf.com or the California Bountiful website at www.californiabountiful.com, following the Farm and Rural Disaster Fund link. People who prefer to donate by postal mail may do so by sending a check, payable to California Bountiful Foundation, to California Bountiful Foundation; Farm and Rural Disaster Fund; 2300 River Plaza Drive; Sacramento, CA 95833; Attn: Financial Services.

In addition, county Farm Bureaus have begun relief efforts specific to the Camp Fire that continues to burn in Butte County.

The Butte County Farm Bureau and Butte Ag Foundation have created a Camp Fire Animal Agriculture Assistance Fund. The fund will accept monetary donations dedicated to feeding, housing and maintaining livestock displaced by the fire that are being cared for at the Butte County Fairgrounds. For more information, see www.butteagfoundation.org.

The Colusa County Farm Bureau has begun a children’s book drive to benefit elementary schools and families in the Paradise area. For information on how to donate new or gently used children’s books, contact the Colusa County Farm Bureau at 530-458-5130 or the Butte County Farm Bureau at 530-533-1473.

Butte County Farm Bureau Establishes Camp Fire Animal Agriculture Assistance Fund

The Butte County Farm Bureau is working with the Butte Ag Foundation and has created the Camp Fire Animal Agriculture Assistance Fund. There are more than 400 livestock related animals at the Butte County Fairgrounds in Gridley.

On behalf of the agricultural community of Butte County, the Butte Ag Foundation will accept monetary donations that will be used to feed and maintain the livestock that have been impacted by the Camp Fire.

Large and small animals are currently being housed and cared for at the Butte County Fairgrounds in Gridley. The extensive and devastating damage of the Camp Fire has all but eliminated the pens, corrals and barns that these animals once called home. It is likely that many will reside at the fairgrounds for weeks after the fire is contained. Donations to the Butte Ag Foundation will be used for feed, supplies, and health needs of the animals that cannot easily be met through other dedicated funds.

Should funds remain after the livestock have been reunited with owners and/or placed in new homes, funds will be used to repair, replace and or upgrade livestock facilities for future crisis use.

The Butte Agriculture Foundation is a 501(c)3 Public Benefit Corporation and supports locally organized agriculture groups and committees to provide the resources and services needed to be successful in the efforts to inform and promote the value of our agrarian community. For more information visit <http://www.ButteAgFoundation.org> or call (530) 533-1473. You may also email info@buttefarmbureau.com.



AgVenture 2018 Class Graduates



Community leaders attended the final session of the AgVenture 2018 program on November 2, 2018. This session marked the close of the ninth year of the AgVenture program. Created by the Lake County Chapter of the California Women for Agriculture, AgVenture is an agricultural educational program devised for non-farming community leaders who aspire to understand the vital role that agriculture plays in Lake County.

Session Four showcased Lake County olives production and farm labor issues. Class members learned about the Lake County Agriculture Department from Katherine VanDerWall and olive oil production from Paul Manuel and Emilio dela Cruz before touring the Chacewater Olive Mill and olive orchards. Cecilia Chi-Ham, PhD of HM Clause gave a presentation of the role of science and technology in agricultural production and class members heard about labor issues framed in policy and practical perspectives from Bryan Little from the Farm Employers Labor Service and David Weiss of Bella Vista Farming Company. The session culminated in a Farm Labor Panel facilitated by local pear farmer Diane Henderson. The panelists were Octavio Jimenez of Scully Packing Company, and Jacklyn Rodriguez and Juan Sanchez from Bella Vista Farming Company.

2018 class graduates were: Vector Control District Manager and Jamie Scott; Director of Lake County Water Resources David Cowan; Viticulturist Brodie McCarthy; Vice-Chair of the Lake County Planning and Commission John Hess; winegrape grower Monica Rosenthal; Calpine Purchasing Supervisor Stacy McGrath; cannabis farmer Bob Skalla; Pest Control Advisor Lindee Jones; Ag Biologist and Weights and Measures Inspector Venkata Vaddella; owner of InkFarm Creative Karen Pavone, and Ag

Biologist Janice Luke. Class members are selected yearly through an application process. Selection into the program is based on the applicant's interest in the program, their professional position in the community, and their ability to help maintain a viable agricultural industry in Lake County. Program acceptance is competitive.

Generous sponsors for the 2018 series of seminars include the following people and businesses: Cindy Bain, Biotechnology Innovation Organization, Boatique Winery, Bob Bartley Pump, Inc., Chacewater Winery & Olive Mill, Cat's Paw Vineyard, Garton Tractor, Henderson Orchards, Hillside Honda & RV, International Paper, Lake County Farm Bureau, Lake County Winegrape Commission, Lake County Winery Association, Lakeport Tire and Auto, Laujor Winery, Monica Rosenthal, Savings Bank of Mendocino County, Scully Packing, Tallman Hotel, UCC Rental & RV, Umpqua Bank, Dock Factory Lake Limos and Wilda Shock. Premier Transportation Sponsors included American Ag Credit, Calpine Corporation, and Sutter Lakeside Hospital.

The AgVenture program Steering Committee, all CWA members, are Annette Hopkins, Toni Scully, Diane Henderson, Terry Dereniuk, and Brenna Sullivan.



Lake County Economic Development Strategy Presentation December 3

On Monday, December 3 at 9:00 a.m. at the Kelseyville Presbyterian Church, a public presentation will be held as North Bay economist and Sonoma State University professor Dr. Robert Eyler will present a countywide economic development strategy.

The economic strategy was initiated in collaboration with the County of Lake, the Cities of Clearlake and Lakeport, the Workforce Alliance of the North Bay (WANB), and the Lake County Economic Development Corporation (LCEDC).

The County, the Cities of Clearlake and Lakeport, and WANB have supported their commitment to economic development by funding the development of this countywide economic development strategy. Public participation at meetings held throughout Lake County, coordinated by the LCEDC, contributed to creating a strategy that offers an honest look at the realities, possibilities and opportunities for Lake County's economic health and well-being, focusing on realistic economic sector opportunities.

The LCEDC is a coalition that includes the County of Lake and Cities of Clearlake and Lakeport, community business leaders, and experts in the areas of workforce development, real estate, agriculture, banking, health care and education. The purpose of the LCEDC is to facilitate the creation, retention, expansion and attraction of businesses in Lake County.

Lake County Economic Development Strategy Presentation:

Monday, December 3, 9:00 a.m.

Kelseyville Presbyterian Church

5340 Third Street, Kelseyville

For more information, call the Lake County Economic Development Corporation at 707-279-1540 x 101, the County Administrative Office at 707-263-2580, the City of Lakeport at 707-263-5615, or the City of Clearlake at 707-994-8201.

Lake County Winery Association Names Helena Welsh as New Executive Director

The Lake County Winery Association (LCWA) has announced the appointment of Helena Welsh as the association's new Executive Director, effective as of August 6, 2018.

"I am thrilled to welcome Helena Welsh as our new Executive Director," said Cindi Olof, LCWA Board Chair. "Helena has a strong background in the wine industry with experience in direct-to-consumer marketing and leading non-profit organizations. Her passion for wine and the Lake County community is why we chose her."

In her new role as executive director, Welsh will be responsible for overseeing the association's activities, increasing membership, and promoting tourism. "I'm eager to get the word out that Lake County and its wineries are open for business and ready to welcome visitors," says Welsh. "This is a magical time of year to visit."

Welsh served as a board member for the Valley Fire Rebuild Expo, board treasurer for the Summit Recreation and Social Club, and chairperson for Cobb Mountain SITE Council. After graduating from California State University, Sacramento with a degree in Business Administration she moved to Lake County and is raising her family in Cobb.

Established in 2007 by a group of wineries, today, the LCWA is directed by a board of directors made up of representatives from seven member wineries, with day-to-day leadership by the executive director. Association members include wineries, winegrape growers, businesses and individuals with interest in promoting the Lake County wine industry.

For more information about upcoming events, sponsorship or membership opportunities, call 707 357-5237 or visit lakecountywineries.org

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Fruit Frost Program Update

An update from the Lake County Ag Department Newsletter

The Fruit Frost program is a weather forecast system made available to the agricultural community. The program provides vital weather updates which include: temperatures, dew point, wind (gusts), precipitation and chill hours. The program is solely funded by donations from Lake County Wine Grape Commission, UC Cooperative Extension, Lake County Air Quality, Farmer's Finest and local growers, wineries and agricultural businesses, to a trust fund which is administered by the Lake County Department of Agriculture. An annual meeting will be scheduled for early 2019 with the Fruit Frost Advisory Committee to review the financials and discuss any concerns that may arise. This meeting is open to the public and any interested party can attend. The date is to be determined.

Update from Western Weather:

Western Weather Group has completed its migration to a new state of the art weather data platform, hosted in the Microsoft Azure Cloud. The old Lake County Weather Web Site has been decommissioned and moved to the Cloud. The new public accessible web site URL is <https://lake.westernweathergroup.com/> The new site gives the county faster and more reliable access to the weather data, which is updated every 15 minutes.

3G service goes away after 2019, so starting in 2020 most of Lake County's weather station cell modems will need to be upgraded. Campbell Scientific just came out with a new 4G LTE cell modem that uses about 10X less power than the existing cell modems. Cow Mtn, Kelseyville, Upper Lake, Scotts Valley, Middletown, Smith Lane (Kelseyville South), Bell Hill Road and Ukiah (Ruddick) all have Raven XT modems (from 2011-2015) that are 2G/3G and will need to be upgraded after 2019.

Lake County Ag Department Grower Meetings

The 2018 Agricultural Department Continuing Education Classes are scheduled for Friday, December 10th and Thursday, December 20th. They will be held in the mornings approximately 8am to 12pm at the Courthouse in the Board chambers. Continuing Education hours are available at each session. Topics will include regulations updates and other useful information for the 2018 growing year.

Lake County has applied for 2 hours of Laws & Regulations.

Lake County 2018 Schedule:

December 10, 2018 8:30am – 11:00am

December 20, 2018 8:30am – 12:00pm

The December 10th Class will have a presentation on Northern California forest pests.

The December 20th Class will have presentations after the Laws and Regulations portion on Healthy Soils and an Irrigated Lands Update.

You do not need to sign up in advance to attend. Classes will be held in the Board of Supervisors Chambers located at:

255 North Forbes Street in Lakeport. For more information, please call (707) 263-0217.

Lake County Class Reminders:

- ** Please note the class start time ****
- Check In between 8:00am – 8:30am
- The class is held at the County Courthouse and security measures are in place. Please empty your pockets prior to your arrival.

Please remember to bring your card (QAL, QAC, PAC). Your number is needed to ensure you receive CE hours

IRRIGATED LANDS PROGRAM UPDATE

What to expect in 2019

Coalition Updates

ILRP Inspections:

Inspections have been happening in Lake County for the past two years in January and February. Inspectors have visited all three major crops in Lake County on both hillside and valley topography. The office has not yet been contacted about 2019 inspections, but we expect that the Regional Board will conduct them again this year. Lake County growers are advised to review their Farm Evaluations and Nitrogen Management Plans and assure that practices claimed in those documents are observable in the field. If you receive a letter from the Regional Board to schedule an inspection, contact the Lake County Farm Bureau office at 263-0911. We will review all your paperwork and discuss what to expect.

TMDL Calculations

The Lake County Farm Bureau recently received a 13267 Order from the Regional Board in response to the passing of the Clearlake TMDL timeline. LCFBEC is being asked to provide calculations of the reduction in sediment loading in the watershed as a result of best management practice implementation. LCFBEC plans to use crop conversions, improved management practices across all crops and acreage reduction in certain crops in this calculation. The report is due to the Regional Board on May 1, 2019.

ILRP Program Billing

Last year, Irrigated Lands Program members across the Sacramento Valley saw increases to their watershed bills. Lake County members were no exception. This year, most sub-watershed groups are having to raise rates again due to the State Water Board's acreage fee increase from \$0.87 per acre to \$0.95 per acre. In addition to the State acreage fee raise, programmatic costs continue to rise for the Coalition as the Regional Board piles on study requirements. Unfortunately, LCFBEC will have to raise the Coalition acreage fee to \$3.19 per acre. The administration fee of \$75 for Farm Bureau members will stay the same.

Members should see their bill by mid-December. If you have any adjustments to your bill, please contact the office before January 31st. Bills are due by the end of the month in January, but an extension will be available for adjustments.

- The Regional Board has released the proposed revisions to the Sac-Valley WDR. A public hearing concerning this matter will be held on February 7-8, 2019. Written comments on the proposed order are due on December 21, 2018.
- Sampling for the Groundwater Quality Trend Monitoring (GQTM) well network began the week of November 12, 2018. There are 17-22 shallow groundwater wells in the network throughout the Sacramento Valley.
- The Management Advisory Committee approved the 2019 Budget.
- The State Water Board will be holding an Ag Lands Fees Stakeholders Meeting on December 3, 2018 to continue the discussion about potential changes to the fee structure. NCWA is held a pre-meeting discussion with State Water Board staff to prepare for the meeting and understand the direction of State Water Board staff.
- On November 7, 2018, the Regional Board approved the Management Plan for Unknown Toxicity to *Selenastrum capricornutum* in Ulatis Creek (Solano County) which was submitted May 16, 2018.
- The Regional Board is developing a plan to review the status of surface water quality in the rivers, creeks, and streams impacted by the Camp Fire. The Assistant Executive Officer in Redding is participating in a Joint Task Force to develop a plan. Please keep those displaced by the fire and those who have lost family, friends, and even animals, in your thoughts.
- On December 12 the CV Salinity Coalition – the discharge group working on the CV-SALTS Basin Plan – will hold a workshop providing an overview of the requirements. The State Water Board is expected to take action on the Basin Plan Amendment in Spring 2019. While the prioritized basins are in the San Joaquin and Tulare Lake regions, this will provide insight into the actions which will be required in the Yolo Basin in approximately 2022-23.

CFBF Legislative Update

Environment — The Air Resources Board selected communities for inclusion in its Community Air Protection Program and adopted the Community Air Protection Blueprint. This program was created by the passage of AB 617 (Cristina Garcia, D-Bell Gardens, 2017) and requires the identification of communities with high cumulative exposure to toxic air contaminants and criteria pollutants, monitoring programs to identify the sources of pollutants, and efforts to reduce emissions of these pollutants. ARB recommended 10 communities for inclusion in the first round of community selection; additional communities will be added in subsequent years.

Water — The State Water Resources Control Board is proposing to require releases of 30 to 50 percent of water in the Merced, Tuolumne and Stanislaus rivers as Phase I of the Bay Delta Plan Update, and later in Phase II, 45 to 65 percent of flows from the Sacramento River and its tributaries, and from the eastside delta tributaries. The water board may take into account the contributions that non-flow measures and adaptive management can provide to achieve relevant beneficial uses before a water quality control plan or any amendment to a plan is adopted that would have an impact on streamflow. The water board is expected to adopt Phase I at its Nov. 7 meeting.

Presidential Water Memorandum — President Trump signed a Presidential Memorandum on Oct. 19 in Phoenix, focusing on Western water issues. Among other directives, the memorandum directs the secretaries of Interior and Commerce to work together to streamline Western water infrastructure regulatory processes and remove unnecessary burdens, improve water availability forecasting, and improve the use of technology to increase water reliability.

Forest Management and Wildfire Prevention — A coalition made up of Western state Farm Bureaus and American Farm Bureau Federation submitted a letter to the U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Department of Interior, providing recommendations on how to prevent, manage and respond to forest fires. The letter also highlighted the impacts of the 2018 summer fire season on the West.

WOTUS — A proposed regulation that would replace the Clean Water Rule imposed by the Obama administration should be released before the end of the year. A judge recently lifted an injunction on the rule in California and 25 other states.

Farmers, Ranchers Can Now Apply for 2019 Conservation Funding

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in California encourages farmers and ranchers to apply for Farm Bill funding for 2019. Applications are being accepted on a continuous basis, and farmers are encouraged to contact the local office if interested in any of the programs.

Farm Bill conservation program funds are a way for landowners to address natural resource concerns on working agricultural lands and Forest land.

The primary resource concerns being addressed in Lake County for 2019 include, but are not limited to:

- Irrigation Efficiency
- Soil Health
- Erosion Issues
- Grazing and Livestock Management
- Water Quality and Quantity
- Fuels Reduction and Forest Health – Including clean up and replanting following wildfires
- Air Quality

Visit the Lakeport NRCS Office at 889 Lakeport Blvd, Lakeport CA, or call (707)262-7091x105 for an application packet. Specific information about Farm Bill programs in Lake County can also be found on the internet at www.ca.nrcs.usda.gov



California Bountiful Featured Recipe

Herb-Roasted Chicken

SHOPPING LIST

1 whole chicken
1/4 cup finely minced fresh sage
1/4 cup finely minced fresh rosemary
1/4 cup finely minced fresh thyme
1/2 cup ghee, divided
Salt, to taste



DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 475 degrees. Rinse chicken inside and out, and thoroughly pat dry. In a small bowl, blend herbs with 1/4 cup ghee. Gently rub chicken inside and out with ghee mixture and lightly salt. Place on a wire rack in a roasting pan. Roast for 40 minutes, basting and rotating after 20 minutes. For baste, melt remaining 1/4 cup ghee and combine with pan drippings.

Reduce oven temperature to 350 degrees and finish roasting, approximately 20 to 30 minutes, or until a thermometer inserted in the thickest part of the thigh reads 165 degrees. Allow chicken to rest in a warm area for at least 30 minutes prior to serving.

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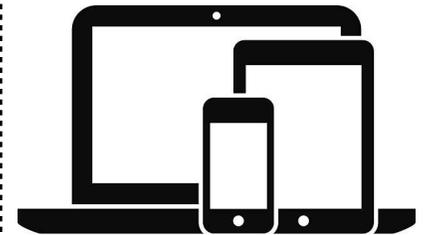
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Farm Equipment Inventory

The following information is provided by Nationwide, the #1 farm insurer in the U.S

Taking inventory of your farm equipment

Think about how long accumulating your farm equipment took. And about the money you spent on each piece.

If a fire, flood, tornado or other covered disaster strikes your farm or ranch, will you be able to make a list of all of the damaged or destroyed equipment for your insurer?

Be prepared if you have to file an insurance claim

Conduct an equipment inventory so you have a detailed record of each tool, including:

- Purchase date and purchase cost. Include receipts.
- Estimated replacement value
- Serial or ID number
- Model number, brand and year

This information helps your insurance company reimburse you fairly and quickly, according to your policy provisions. Many farm management software packages include inventory tools that help make the job easier. But a notebook and a file box of organized receipts can also work.

Whatever you use, store your inventory records in a safe, off-site location, such as a safe deposit box. If your home is damaged, your records could be damaged, too.

Examples of equipment to inventory

Be sure to inventory all pieces of equipment essential to your operation, such as:

- Tractors, trucks, ATVs
 - Combines, corn pickers
 - Backhoes, hay balers, wagons
 - Disks, cultivators
 - Seeders and planters
 - Fertilizer spreaders, sprayers
 - Milking machines, air compressors
 - Pumps, irrigation equipment
 - Post hole diggers, manure spreaders
- Mowers, snow throwers, motors

Consider marking each piece with a permanent identification number. If your equipment is stolen, an ID number will be useful for law enforcement. Use a metal engraver or stamping tool, and place the number in an inconspicuous spot.

Other ways taking equipment inventory may help

Conducting an annual equipment inventory will also help you:

- Determine if equipment may need to be repaired.
- Ensure that your existing equipment is adequately covered when your policy renews.

Add new equipment to your policy when it renews. To make sure all of your equipment is adequately covered, contact your local agent today or visit nationwide.com/cfbf

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Vineyard Worker Fatality Highlights Importance of Machinery Safety Training

Recent news reports indicate a vineyard worker in the Napa area was pulled into a harvesting machine and subsequently died of his injuries. Reports indicated he may have been pulled into the machine when an item of loose clothing became entangled.

News reports like this should reinforce the need for safety training for workers operating machinery and those working in proximity to machinery. Workers should be reminded to work carefully around machinery and to avoid wearing loose clothing, jewelry, hair or anything else that can be caught in rotating, reciprocating or other moving machine parts. Machinery operators should be trained to watch for workers nearby on the ground. Workers on the ground should be periodically be warned that machinery noise may make it difficult for the operator to hear them and the bulk of the machine may make it difficult for the operator to see them.

Cal/OSHA Emergency Reg for 300A Submissions

On Nov. 6, the California Office of Administrative Law (OAL) approved an emergency regulation by the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) published an emergency regulation requiring all employers with 250 or more employees or employers of 20 to 249 employees in industries deemed by OSHA to be hazardous like agriculture, construction, and manufacturing to submit information from the employer's 2017 Cal/OSHA Form 300A by Dec. 31, 2018.

The emergency regulation remains in effect for 180 days unless OAL approves a re-adoption of the emergency regulation for a maximum of 90 additional days; OAL may grant an additional 90-day renewal of the emergency regulation. During the pendency of the emergency regulation, the agency will likely undertake a process to enact a permanent reporting rule.

The approved emergency regulation requires California employers to submit Forms 300A to a

secure web-based portal but offers little further information about the submission process and does not specify what the agency intends to do with this information. The agency's justification for issuing this regulation on an emergency basis rests in part of the position taken by the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) in April 2018 that California employers covered by injury and illness recordkeeping requirements were required to upload their 300A summaries to the federal agency's Injury Tracking Application (see, "Fed-OSHA Requires CA Employers to Upload Forms 300A," from FELS' website, updated June 28, 2018.)

UPDATE: ALRB Decertifies UFW at Gerawan Farming

The Agricultural Labor Relations Board (ALRB) decertified the United Farm Workers as the exclusive collective bargaining representative of Gerawan employees on Sept. 27. The ALRB took this action after a long delay in counting ballots. The decertification election was held in 2013. Gerawan employees voted by an overwhelming 1098 to 197 margin for "no union." The vote count was conducted on Sept. 18. The validity of more than 600 workers' ballots were challenged.

On Sept. 12, 2018 the California Supreme Court rejected a request from the California Agricultural Labor Relations Board (ALRB) to review an opinion issued by the California 5th District Court of Appeal in Fresno concerning issues efforts by Gerawan Family Farms' employees to decertify the United Farm Workers (UFW) as their collective bargaining representative. The Supreme Court let stand an order from the appellate court to the ALRB to count the ballots in the decertification election. The ALRB ordered ballots from the 2013 decertification election impounded pending resolution of election objections and unfair labor practice charges. The ALRB found that Gerawan's alleged unfair labor practices influenced the election to such a degree that the workers' desire for representation (or non-representation) could not be determined. The 5th District Court faulted the ALRB, saying, "several of the unfair labor practiced findings relied on by the Board were unsupported by the record by the whole," and criticized the Board for losing sight of the "value of protecting the farmworkers' right to choose, which was a fundamental part of the Board's mission."

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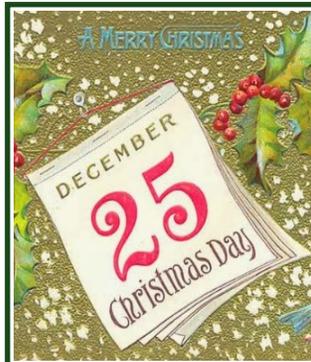
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