

Calaveras County Farm Bureau News

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A message from the Michael David Fischer Jr., 1st Vice President

What a year this has been, a great start to the growing season, great rain in December, warm temperatures and the grass was growing better than I have seen in recent years. We have seen record prices for all livestock, fuel prices are the lowest in years and it looked like we would all have some cash flow to put back in the business. Things sure have changed fast. We have had one of the driest Januarys in history, the grass growth has turned sluggish with low moisture and it looks like we are in for a fourth year of severe drought. As a rancher I knew in the beginning there would be ups and downs along the way and I don't do it for the money or glory, just the way of life. But our way of life is threatened by the very individuals we provide food to.

As the First Vice President, I want to commend the hard work your local farm bureau board does on your behalf. They meet the issues head on and even in their busy schedules still take the time to make your voice heard. We are a small county farm bureau that is very active and a dedicated team. But as a small board we need more support from our membership. You as a farm bureau member need to stay engaged in the issues that come at us. Be vocal, write letters, join farm team, let your voice be heard, tell your story. We as farmers and ranchers can overcome great obstacles if we work together and stay involved.

Yes, things change fast. We have some work cut out for us in the near future.

Currently Calaveras County is working on the General Plan and this could have major implications to our land use. Your local farm bureau with the Ag Coalition has worked very hard for several years on an Agriculture element to the general plan; we need comments on the general plan stating that the Ag element should stand on its own within the plan. Agriculture is number one in our county and the elected officials need to be reminded of it.

Department of Water Resources has a plan to regulate run off from grazing land? What does this mean? More cost, sampling, another coalition? Farm Bureau will meet this head on, but will need the members to step up and stay involved.

Ground water regulations as dry years continue will be a major issue in the future for all involved.

That's all for now, Pray for RAIN and less regulations!



1st Vice President, Michael David Fischer Jr.

Report on Grazing Regulatory Action Project (GRAP) Listening Session San Luis Obispo, January 9, 2015 by Eloise Fischer

The State Water Resources Board wants to develop a statewide regulatory program for grazing as it affects water quality. The Board believes it is necessary because grazing can be a non-point source of water pollution. The Clean Water Act (CWA) 2010 List of Impaired Waters for California showed 120 water quality impairments (fecal bacteria, temperature, sediments or nutrients) occurred on lands with grazing operations. Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) are required for all waters and pollutants on the CWA list. Although those impairments occurred on land with grazing operations, it doesn't mean grazing is the cause.

The Board also believes the California Porter-Cologne Water Control Act requires them to address all discharges of waste that could affect the quality of the waters of the State-this includes non-point sources and would affect public lands as well as private land. The Regional Water Boards are working on the proposal. Final determination will be up to the SWRCB.

There were about 40 people who spoke at the SLO meeting. Each speaker was allowed three minutes. Comments were all in opposition to the SWRCB project. The general idea was that the SWRCB is trying to come up with a solution to a problem that does not exist. The meeting was not taped and not all members of the Water Board were present.

Some Comments:

1. Some stated that samples were not taken in proper manner and location-need to have established protocols.
2. The Board has not been transparent in their initial actions to come up with a regulation.
3. A one-size fits-all approach will not work.
4. There does not seem to be any reliance on the science that has come out of the water quality/grazing studies conducted by UCCE scientists.
5. The Lahontan Regional Water Board is leading the process-they have the most stringent water quality standards.
6. There are uncontrollable sources such as wildlife that can negatively affect water quality-grazing should not be blamed.

I spoke about the quality study done in 2010 on three allotments in the Stanislaus which showed only one exceedance-in a gathering pasture where the stream had been fenced except for one small area-an example of unintended consequences.

In 2011 UC scientists and FS staff conducted studies in 5 National Forests in northern California-the Klamath, Plumas, Tahoe, Stanislaus, and Shasta-Trinity national forests. 743 samples from 155 sites were analyzed for microbial and nutrient pollution (including fecal indicator bacteria, fecal coliform, E. coli, nitrogen and phosphorous). The sites included key cattle grazing areas, recreational lands, and places where cattle and humans do not tend to wander. They found no significant differences in fecal indicator bacteria between grazing lands and areas without recreation or grazing. 83 percent of all sample sites and 95 percent of all water samples collected were below US EPA benchmarks for human health. (*WLJ's Commercial Cattle Issue, August 18, 2014, Section 2*) *The SWRCB does not appear to be accepting these studies.*

Randy Hanveldt, Tuolumne Co. Supervisor spoke-stated that the proposal threatened the three major Tuolumne Co. industries-mining, timber and grazing. He believes the SWRCB has preconceived notions about grazing



SWRCB Listening Session SLO—January 9, 2015 continued

The California Rangeland Water Quality Management Plan approved in 1995 by the state's Range Management Advisory committee and the SWRCB directed private rangeland owners and managers to voluntarily develop and implement ranch water quality plans for their land which would help them fulfill the requirements of the 1977 CWA and the 1969 Porter-Cologne Act. Noelle Cremers had stated that if there are problems, maybe we should start with revisiting this plan. (*Western Livestock Journal, December 14, 2014, Page 20*)

The three major livestock organizations in CA-California Farm Bureau Federation (CFBF), California Cattlemen's Association (CCA) and the California Wool Growers Association (CWGA) have established an informal advisory committee. Tim Koopman (immediate past president of CCA) is the chair as requested by the presidents of the three associations. This committee has come up with some talking points.

There was another listening session in Redding on Thursday, January 15 and another one scheduled for later in January in Bishop. None have been located in the central portion of the state!

Another source of information is contained in the *January 14, 2015 issue of the Ag Alert*.

General Plan Update from Steve Kafka, Calaveras County Farm Bureau President

Nine years ago, the Calaveras County Farm Bureau started working with the Ag Coalition (Farm Bureau, Cattlemen's, Wine Grape Alliance, and Calaveras Grown) to write an "Agriculture and Forestry Element" to be included with the Updated County General Plan. The Ag Coalition worked closely with multiple Planning Directors, as well as the Board of Supervisors. The Document we submitted is not the actual document that was released. The Ag Coalition will be meeting soon to discuss the released draft document.

The Planning Department released their first Draft of the General Plan on December 18, 2014. Interested parties have 90 days to submit commits.

It is very important that we all take the time to read and understand the Plan. The Draft can be found online on the County's web page; <http://planning.calaverasgov.us/GeneralPlanUpdate.aspx>

Generally, these plans rule the County for 25 years. We understand the County will be holding community meetings to answer questions.

This schedule was taken off their website.

Calaveras County Draft General Plan

Open House/Community Workshop Schedule

All open houses will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The open houses are an opportunity to review the draft maps, ask questions of staff regarding land uses, proposed policies and implementation programs, and provide comments and recommendations on the plan. The open houses will be a drop-in format, with one-on-one conversations with Planning Department staff and consultants.

- ✦ San Andreas- Town Hall- Wednesday, January 28th
- ✦ Rancho Calaveras- RCPOA Clubhouse- Wednesday, February 4th
- ✦ Mokelumne Hill- Town Hall- Monday, February 9th
- ✦ West Point- VFW Hall- Wednesday, February 11th
- ✦ Arnold- Ebbetts Pass Fire Station- Tuesday, February 17th
- ✦ Copperopolis- Armory- Thursday, February 19th
- ✦ Valley Springs- Valley Springs Elem School- Monday, February 23rd
- ✦ Murphys- Masonic Hall- Wednesday, February 25th

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by
Sarah
Fischer





AG DAY

Thursday, April 9h, 2015

Ag Day 2015 preparations have started.

All too often farming and ranching is a life style many of us take for granted and are not mindful of the many consumers that truly do not know that the food they eat, the clothes they wear and the roof over their heads does not start out on the store shelf.

Joanne Randall, one of our very own Farm Bureau Members, recognized this fact. Joanne had a vision and started Agriculture Awareness Day in 1997. It has been an annual event since that time. All fourth and fifth grade students attending schools in Calaveras County are invited to attend.

Community volunteers and the Calaveras County Farm Bureau Board put together a day of learning how agriculture affects their daily lives at the Calaveras County Fair Grounds. After four plus hours of learning by rotating through stations hosted by Agricultural presenters, lunch is served to the many volunteers.

This year's Ag Awareness Day is April 9, 2015.

For those of you that have been involved in our Ag Day in the past, please note this date change.

To all of you reading this and would like to help on that day with preparations or would like to prepare and present a 10 to 12 minute presentation about agriculture to fourth and fifth graders please contact me, Toni Ann Fischer at (209)772-0693 or toniannfischer@yahoo.com.

Please look to our next newsletter for Agriculture Awareness Day high lights.

Did you know:

- It takes approximately 100 volunteers to host Ag Day
- Calaveras County Farm Bureau pays for all transportation cost for students
- An average of 25 presenters and their commodities are represented in the rotating stations
- Each year between 750-800 students attend Ag Day

Sponsors:

- Thank you to the Calaveras Winegrape Alliance for your generous donation and continued support!

Include GPS Systems When Insuring Equipment—Nationwide Article

We've written before about the importance of insuring your homes and farm buildings to their current values, but it's just as important for farmers and ranchers to also have their equipment insured to an adequate value. When making sure your equipment limit on your farm insurance policy is adequate, here are several things to consider.

Equipment values vary as the demand for used equipment ebbs and flows in your area of the country, as well as with the usage and maintenance performed on the equipment. Because of this fluctuation, the purchase price of the equipment may not be the current value. Without adjusting for this change in equipment markets, you could find yourself under-insured when a loss occurs.

Farm and ranch operations are also utilizing more and more technology. The Nationwide® Agribusiness AgriChoice® farm policy can include coverage for Global Positioning System (GPS) equipment. If a piece of equipment has permanently attached GPS components, the value of these components needs should be included in the value of the equipment.

If GPS components are portable, such as a display that can move from unit to unit, these also should be included either as an individually scheduled farm personal property item or as part of your farm personal property blanket. GPS activation fees may also be associated with these items. The value of the activation fees should also be insured.

Keep in mind, the value of GPS components and their activation fees can increase the value of equipment quickly. Having these values accounted for in your insurance limits will help to make sure you aren't surprised at the time of a loss and are able to get back to normal operations as quickly as possible.

To find a local farm agent, visit <http://www.farmagentfinder.com/>

CALIFORNIA BOUNTIFUL TELEVISION

California Bountiful TV is a 30-minute weekly program that features stories on the people, places and lifestyles that have made California the nation's largest food-producing state. Produced by the California Farm Bureau Federation, California Bountiful is the latest in the organization's long-running commitment to promoting the importance and incomparable bounty of food, fiber and flowers grown in California. Farm Bureau has produced regularly scheduled television programs since 1964. California Bountiful airs on dozens of broadcast stations, cable outlets and satellite services.

The 88th Annual Calaveras County Fair & Jumping Frog Jubilee

May 14-17, 2015

Jumpin' Frogs, Chubby Hogs and Corn Dogs!

Come on out, support our local Fair & Jr livestock participants

Calaveras County Saddle Queen Competition, Junior Horse Show and Western Horse Events

The Miss Calaveras Scholarship Pageant,

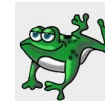
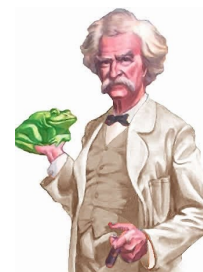
Displays and entries of local art, food, wine, floriculture, and other craftsmanship

Asleep at the Wheel in Concert

The Rockin' M Rodeo Company will be producing a California Cowboys Professional Rodeo

The Destruction Derby, Carnival Fun, Entertainment & Food

Frog Jump Competitions....and **Junior Livestock Exhibits and Auction**



96th Annual American Farm Bureau Federation Convention Thousands of the Nation's Farmers Met in California by Gary Sack

The American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) held its Annual Convention in San Diego in January. Converging on San Diego were 4,900 farmers and ranchers from throughout the nation. They attended a huge trade show, went on California farm tours, addresses by AFBF president Bob Stallman, and USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack; and they set policy for the nation's largest and most influential farm organization.



Steve Kafka, Calaveras County Farm Bureau, president; Eloise Fischer, board director with her husband Bill Spence and Joe Valente, the District Director representing Calaveras County and San Joaquin counties, were among the 4,900 farmers representing 2,600 Farm Bureaus nationwide.

California Farm Bureau erected a huge trade show booth with our Nationwide Insurance partners. We had two antique tractors, and a 1952 Chevrolet pickup loaned to us by Farm Credit. The back of the truck was filled with various California produce to display some of the vast array of products grown in the nation's number one farm state. We also gave away over 750 pounds of dried fruits and nuts; including walnuts, almonds, dates, dried plums, and raisins. The attendees loved it! More than that, we were able to make connections with attendees to show them the importance of our state's agriculture.



We had 13 tours that were set up by California Farm Bureau to tour the farms, ranches and processing houses in the vicinity.

In his annual address, AFBF President Bob Stallman told the audience that because of the 2016 Presidential Election we have a short time frame to get things accomplished this next year; so Farm Bureau members will need to be aggressive and begin our advocacy as soon as possible. AFBF lists the issues for Congress as it relates to the nation's farmers this way:

- 1) Immigration reform, which must include a reliable and legal workforce for America's farms and ranches.
- 2) A national fact-based approach to food labeling, rather than patchwork regulation that only raises the price of food while doing nothing for food safety.
- 3) Tax rules that will encourage economic growth and multi-generational farming.
- 4) Policies to continue growing our nation's energy independence through the production of all forms of energy, including those that come from America's farms and ranches.



Stallman also said it is time for the Federal Government to "ditch the Waters of the U.S. proposal, which would regulate land use under the guise of the Clean Water Act.

Farm Bureau members keep the county, state and the American Farm Bureau strong and able to represent nation's farmers on the major issues affecting this way of life. Thanks to your membership we can keep farmers and ranchers, farming and ranching!

The tools we give our kids now, equip them to succeed



Jim Bergantz & Dale Huey,
BHHS Greenhouse Project

In 2007 a former nurseryman, Jim Bergantz, wanted to give the award-winning agricultural science program at Bret Harte the greenhouse it deserved. He drafted a design, lined up suppliers to provide materials at cost and raised donations to help supplement the cost of the \$30,000 renovation to make the greenhouse a viable year-round plant production factory.

Jim Bergantz is known to many Angels Camp residents because he and his parents, and later he & his wife Judy, operated the former Bergantz Nursery here in town. Jim & Judy, spearheaded the "Kindness Zone" in Angels Camp, giving out thousands of roses to help residents spread kindness. Although his life had changed its course, he still wanted to help and worked with Roy Beck, head of the agriculture department at the high school to get the ball rolling.

Bergantz's plan called for doubling the area of ventilation fan openings to cross the entire south end of the 72-by-27-foot greenhouse. Horizontal fans inside also would help move air. The key innovation was a system of electronically controlled shade curtains that hug the ceiling of the greenhouse.

It allows production to continue year-round - poinsettias at Christmas, flowers in the spring and year-round maintenance of examples of the roughly 200 plant varieties as students are expected to learn to identify by sight.

Jim had a vision, and along with many volunteers, and many hours of his time and energy he brought that vision to life. Jim has implemented many of his visions to give back to our community. He is one of the many examples of our community members stepping up to bring agricultural education to our students.

The advanced technology in the Bret Harte greenhouse includes computer-controlled drip irrigation that can precisely deliver different combinations of fertilizer and water to different rows of plants. When interviewed in 2007 Jim stated "My great hope is we get some kids so excited that they end up going to college and working in horticulture,"

In addition to teaching how to raise fish, chickens, rabbits and crops, Bret Harte's agriculture program also has emphasized that students learn business skills. Students each year form business cooperatives that raise and sell poultry and rabbits. Students get a share of any profits based on the hours they work. Some take home hundreds of dollars. The cooperatives are run by boards of directors the students elect.

Students run the show, keeping track of hours worked and making other greenhouse decisions. That familiarity with business operations and work schedules may prove just as valuable as knowing the secrets of how to pro-

gram the computer that runs a greenhouse. The values that are taught within those programs: the responsibility, the dedication, just the work ethic. Those values work anywhere they go.

During the process at Bret Harte, one particular student took an interest and vested himself into the project. Trevor Airola was there day in and day out, soaking up as much information from Jim as he could. He became the 1st Greenhouse Manager at Bret Harte High School.

Trevor graduated from California State University, Chico with a BA in Agriculture Science. He is now an Agriculture, Shop, Science Teacher at Princeton Jr./Sr. High School. In addition to his first year of teaching, he is also the FFA advisor. Ironically, Trevor has found that he has a greenhouse that needs to be brought back to life so he is back in touch with Jim once more. We just wanted to congratulate Trevor on his new position and we hope to follow his greenhouse story in a future newsletter.

Our community offers many opportunities to our students to learn hands on skills and to acquire knowledge to take forth that will help them be successful in many aspects of their lives. To all of you in our community that volunteer and donate to our programs... Thank You for giving our children these tools.



Trevor Airola, Ag Teacher, Princeton Jr/Sr. High School



Calaveras County Farm Bureau is again offering Scholarships to Calaveras County Seniors. Information was distributed to the High Schools. Here are a couple other opportunities for your upcoming graduate to look into.

The California Farm Bureau Scholarship Foundation

CFBF Collegiate Membership is required to apply.

If you are not yet a collegiate member, visit www.joinfb.com to join.

Application

Online Application - http://www.cfbf.com/CFBF/Programs/CFBF_Programs/Scholarship

The California Farm Bureau Scholarship Foundation was organized to give aid to students with a desire to pursue a career in the agricultural industry. The scholarships are awarded annually based upon academic achievement, career goals, extracurricular activities, determination, leadership skills, and a commitment to study agriculture.

Who is eligible?

An undergraduate student, who is a collegiate member, entering or attending a four-year accredited college or university in California and pursuing a career in the agricultural industry. Students entering or attending a junior college are not eligible for the CFB scholarship. Students must be a resident of the State of California.

How many scholarships are given, and in what amount?

Each year, the Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors determine the award amounts and the number of recipients depending on the funds available.

In addition to the regular scholarship recipients, five special awards are given: the Frederick J. Heringer Honorary Award, the Howard P. Wackman II Memorial Scholarship, the John H. Wiechman Memorial Scholarship, the Carolyn S. Richardson Memorial Scholarship, and the Rustici Livestock and Rangeland Scholarship. Any individuals fitting the criteria for these awards will be selected by the Foundation board. No additional application information is needed.

The **Rustici Livestock and Rangeland Scholarship** shall be for students attending or entering a California four-year accredited college or university and for students attending or entering a California two-year college.

Requirements

Applications are accepted each year between January 1 and March 1 and must be accompanied by the following applicable items:

- High school transcript(s) (if this is your first time applying).
- Junior college transcript(s) (if applicable).
- College transcript(s).
- Two (2) letter of recommendation. Letters must be dated within the last three (3) months.

If any one of these items is missing, the application will not be considered.

Must you be a Farm Bureau Member?

Yes, a collegiate membership is required.

The California Farm Bureau Scholarship Foundation cont'd

Interviews

In the spring, a group of finalists will be selected to be interviewed by the Foundation board. Finalists will be notified of the date, time and place of the interview in the notice of selection. Finalists should understand that they will have only a few weeks' advance notice of the interview date.

Are scholarships renewable?

Yes. Past recipients are invited to reapply each year. Each successive application must include two (2) new, current letters of recommendation and a current college transcript (high school transcripts not required for past recipients).

Instructions

Letters of recommendation must be dated within the last three (3) months and contain the name of the applicant, comments on the applicant's character and abilities, and an opinion of his/her ability to profit from a college education. A parent or close relative cannot be considered as a reference. The name and occupation of each person writing a letter is required.

For more information

For more information or to receive a scholarship application, contact Darlene Licciardo at dlicciardo@cbbf.com or (916) 561-5500.

Rustici Livestock and Rangeland Scholarship

Apply now for the Rustici Livestock and Rangeland Scholarship. Apply using the same application used for California Farm Bureau Scholarship Foundation program.

The Rustici scholarships are given to students who intend to pursue a career with a focus on rangeland management, with an emphasis towards cattle and sheep ranching in conjunction with good rangeland practices. Ideal candidates are those who will take over the family ranch and work to improve rangeland conditions as a natural resource.

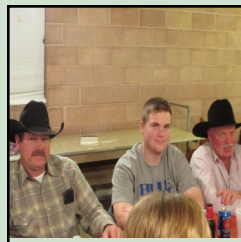
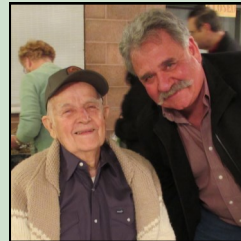
Awards are also given to those who are studying for a career that benefits the beef cattle or sheep industry or rangeland management by working directly with landowners to enhance rangeland resources.

- Awards will be limited to applicants intending to pursue studies in cattle or sheep ranching with a focus on rangeland management.
- Priority will be given to students who plan to return to the family ranch.
- The applicant must write an essay of 500 words or less in which he/she explains why he/she has chosen the field of beef cattle or sheep ranching, or range management; the goals he/she has set forth; and how past, present and future activities make the accomplishment of these goals possible.
- Student must average 15 units per semester/quarter in college. Units earned in other semesters of the same academic year may be used to reach the average. Students must also maintain a C average.
- Applicants are to use the same application forms and follow the application procedures established for the scholarship program of the Foundation.

*A collegiate Farm Bureau membership makes the perfect graduation or birthday gift
for the hard to buy for 18-25 year old in your life...and it's only \$25.00.*

*A collegiate membership opens doors to networking, scholarship opportunities and
becoming a part of the Farm Bureau organization ...www.joinfb.com*

The Calaveras County Farm Bureau's annual Christmas potluck was held on December 16th. We had a wonderful turnout, an evening filled with fellowship and GREAT food! Thank you to all of you who came with canned food & cash contributions to donate to the Resource Connection Food Bank. The Board of Directors would like to wish all of our Farm Bureau members a Happy New Year!





Farm Bureau® Membership Application

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In College?

Join as a **Collegiate Member** and get access to AgAlert online plus networking opportunities for scholarships, internship contacts, local and state events and the Young Farmers & Ranchers program. Ages 16 to 24, one person per membership. **Only \$25 annually.**

Join Now!

Applicant:

Mr. Mrs. Ms.

Name (F, MI, L)

Date of Birth

Business Name:

Spouse:

Mr. Mrs. Ms.

Spouse's Name (F, MI, L)

Date of Birth

Address: _____

Street

City

State

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County: _____

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Send to: CA Farm Bureau, 2300 River Plaza Dr., Sacramento, CA 95833 or join at www.joinfb.com. For more information call 1-800-698-3276.

Tell us what you grow or raise!

Please check all that apply:

Trees/Vines:

- Almonds (010)
- Apples (020)
- Apricots (030)
- Avocados (160)
- Bushberries (250)
- Cherries (040)
- Dates (170)
- Dried Plums (140)
- Figs (050)
- Grapefruit (180)
- Grapes, Raisin (260)
- Grapes, Table (270)
- Grapes, Wine (280)
- Kiwifruit (171)
- Lemons (190)
- Limes (200)
- Nectarines (060)
- Olives (210)
- Oranges (220)
- Other Citrus (221)
- Other Trees & Vines (281)
- Peaches (070)
- Pears (090)
- Pecans (100)
- Persimmons (071)
- Pistachios (110)
- Plums (120)
- Pomegranates (130)
- Tangerines (240)
- Walnuts (150)

- Spices & Herbs (680)
- Spinach (690)
- Squash (731)
- Strawberries (700)
- Sweet Corn (670)
- Sweet Potatoes (660)
- Tomatoes (710)
- Vegetable Seed (730)
- Watermelons (602)

Horticulture/Forestry:

- Christmas Trees (330)
- Flowers & Foliage (300)
- Forestry (740)
- Nursery Products (310)
- Other (321)
- Turf Sod (320)

Vegetables:

- Artichokes (470)
- Asparagus (480)
- Broccoli (490)
- Brussels Sprouts (500)
- Cabbage (510)
- Cantaloupe (601)
- Carrots (520)
- Cauliflower (530)
- Celery (540)
- Cucumber (550)
- Dry Beans (380)
- Garlic (560)
- Green Peas (570)
- Lettuce (580)
- Mushrooms (610)
- Onions (620)
- Other Beans (381)
- Other Melons (603)
- Other Vegetables (732)
- Peppers (630)
- Potatoes (640)

Dairy/Livestock/Poultry:

- Aquaculture (810)
- Beef Cattle (750)
- Bees & Honey (760)
- Chicken, eggs (770)
- Chicken, meat (780)
- Dairy Cattle (790)
- Dairy Goats (800)
- Horses (820)
- Exotic/ Other Livestock (871)
- Other Poultry (861)
- Rabbits (830)
- Sheep (840)
- Swine (850)
- Turkeys (860)
- Veal (870)

Field Crops

- Alfalfa (391)
- Barley (350)



I/We want to ensure farmers and ranchers have a voice in the political process. Please accept my contribution to FARM PAC®.

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As a Farm Bureau member, you have the power to be a positive advocate. Ask 3 people that you know, "Are you a Farm Bureau Member?" If the answer is no, please invite them to be a part of this great organization that works on behalf of all of us on issues small & large.



Calaveras County Farm Bureau

“Protecting California Family Farms and



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Please pass your newsletter on when you are done with it, to a relative, neighbor or friend that you think might enjoy it.

You may just be the connection they need to becoming a member, **WATCH US GROW!**



WELCOME

New Agriculture Members

Kevin Griffith

Orozco Garcia Farm

Rich Gulch

WELCOME

The Farm Employers Labor Service (FELS) is a subscriber organization affiliated with the California Farm Bureau Federation. FELS has assisted members in complying with labor laws and avoiding labor relations problems since 1970. The goal of FELS is to assist subscribers in avoiding costly labor management mistakes.

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Do you have photos you would like to submit to share in our newsletter? I'm also looking for Calaveras County Farm/Ranch stories, send us an update on a local student or a history article about a local Ag family. You can email me articles or pictures at calcofb@aol.com. Please be sure to let me know who to give photo credits to. A big thank you to Sarah Fischer for her photos.



A boy and his dog
Photo by Sarah Fischer

CORRECTION to CCFB November 2014 Newsletter

Article: 65 Years, Past Presidents; 1958-1959 should be Willard Bisbee Tower, not William. Thank you to the family for bringing this to my attention so we could correct our archive information.