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Deadline Approaching

If you have not already done so, please RSVP for CCA's annual Steak and Eggs Legislative Breakfast by **Monday, March 15**. The breakfast will be held March 23 at the Sutter Club in Sacramento at 6:45 a.m. This unique event offers you the opportunity to interact one-on-one with your elected leaders as well as hear from a slate of speakers about what your government officials and CCA are doing for you.

Following the breakfast, CCA staff will coordinate legislative office visits where you can personally meet with politicians from your area to share the importance of looking out for beef producers. Ag Day at the Capitol is also held on March 23, so you may also visit California commodity groups on the lawn of the capitol building to celebrate agriculture.

In addition, there will be a PAC-200 dinner held at Chops Steakhouse on March 22, the night prior to the breakfast. Attendees will hear from special guest speaker Assemblyman Martin Garrick (R-Solana Beach) about his plans for his new role as Assembly

Republican Leader. For information on becoming a PAC-200 member, to RSVP for the dinner or breakfast or to sign up for legislative visits, contact Chaley Paulson in the CCA office at (916) 444-0845 or by e-mail at chaley@calcattlemen.org.

CCA Co-Sponsors Legislation to Extend Accidental Take

CCA and the California Farm Bureau Federation are co-sponsoring Senate Bill 1303, authored by Sen. Lois Wolk (D-Davis), which extends the provision of law that allows California farmers and ranchers the ability to produce food and fiber without fear of penalties under the California Endangered Species Act if they accidentally take a species listed as candidate, threatened, or endangered.

If you wish to convey your support, please fax your letter to (916) 444-2194 or e-mail Dawn Clover at dawn@calcattlemen.org.

Fish and Game Commission Votes to Protect Tiger Salamander Under State Endangered Species Act

This month, the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) voted 3-2 to protect the California Tiger Salamander under the California Endangered Species Act. The listing is the result of a scientific petition that was originally rejected by the Commission in 2004.

With the addition of this species being listed at the state level, new challenges arise for California cattle producers. In 2004, the species was listed as threatened by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under the Federal Endangered Species Act. However, at that time, the state's ranchers were not directly impacted due to the inclusion of the 4(d) rule for the species range-wide, which exempts existing routine ranching activities from additional regulations.

Although this special rule was not intended to provide a comprehensive list of those ranching activities considered routine, some examples included maintenance of stock ponds; fence construction for grazing management; planting, harvest, and rotation of unirrigated forage crops; maintenance and construction of corrals, ranch buildings, and roads. CCA advocated for the inclusion of this special rule. However, the California Endangered Species Act does not include this rule.

With this listing of the species by the Commission an addition level of paperwork will be required of farmers and ranchers who operate in areas of salamander habitat. Development of rangeland in a significant portion of the state will require permits, in addition, another level of oversight will be required for ranchers looking to improve existing infrastructure on their ranch such as stockpools, that were historically exempt under the 4d rule offered at the federal level.

For further information on this topic, contact the CCA office at (916) 444-0845.

On-Road Diesel Truck Rule Information from CCA

Producers wanting to take advantage of the special agriculture provisions CCA worked to enact in the On-Road Diesel Truck Rule must report to the California Air Resources Board by March 31, 2010.

A fact sheet on the agricultural provisions of the rule as well as the reporting form can be downloaded from the CCA Web site, www.calcattlemen.org, under the “Current Issues Update” section. For more information on the truck rule, contact Justin Oldfield in the CCA office at (916) 444-0845 or e-mail justin@calcattlemen.org.

ARB Holds Truck Rule Workshops Throughout California

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) has scheduled a series of workshops throughout the state to better educated truck owners and operators about the statewide Truck and Bus Regulation. The workshops will focus on registering farm and ranch trucks under the CCA supported agricultural provisions and educate others on the various compliance options of the rule should truckers be ineligible to participate in the ag program.

CCA has proposed additional dates and locations to ensure all producers have the opportunity to attend workshops including sites on the Central Coast, Northern California and the Imperial Valley. Sites that are currently scheduled are:

Monday, March 8, 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.	Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District, Monterey
Thursday, March 11, 2 to 4:30 p.m.	UC Cooperative Extension, Napa
Monday, March 15, 1 to 3:30 p.m.	Imperial County Farm Bureau, El Centro
Tuesday, March 16, 1 to 3 p.m.	Hawthorne Equipment & Machinery, San Diego
Thursday, March 18, 9 a.m. to noon & 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	Air Resources Board, Sacramento
Monday, March 22, 1:30 to 4 p.m.	Yuba County Government Center, Marysville
Tuesday, March 23, 1 to 3:30 p.m.	Colusa Industrial Properties, Colusa
Wednesday, March 24, 1:30 to 4 p.m.	Ventura County APCD, Venture
Thursday, March 25, 9 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.	Kern County Agricultural Commissioner Auditorium, Bakersfield
Friday, March 26, 1 to 3:30 p.m.	Fresno County Farm Bureau, Fresno

Tehama County Cattlemen’s Association Spring Field Day Set for March 27

The Annual Tehama County Cattlemen's Association Spring Field Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 27 at the Foor Ranch in Vina. This year's festivities include a stock dog trial, stockman's challenge, three-man calf branding and the Herman Daugherty Memorial Working Cow Horse Competition.

Registration for the events will begin at 9 a.m., with the stock dog trial to start at 9:30. Entry fees for the stock dog event are \$50 per contestant, with other contests being \$25 per entry. Belt buckles will be awarded to the winners of these events, with a \$1,000 award given to the winner of the stockhorse division. Contestants by be members of CCA to compete.

Lunch at the event will be provided by Vic Woolery of Vic's Branding Iron in Cottonwood. Lunch tickets are \$15 for New York Steak and \$10 for hamburgers. More information on this event can be found by [clicking here](#).

Placer-Nevada UC Cooperative Extension and CCA to Host Beef Quality Assurance Program March 27

A Beef Quality Assurance Program sponsored by the Place-Nevada Cooperative Extension will be held March 27 at the Lincoln High School Farm in Lincoln.

Registration for the two-hour program will begin at 9:30 a.m., with the program set to start at 10 a.m. Registration for BQA certification is \$25 per certification. For more information, contact Stevie Ipsen in the CCA office at (916) 444-0845 or stevie@calcattlemen.org.

Beef Cattle Workshop Slated for April 10 at UC Davis

A one-day producer education workshop designed for both purebred and commercial beef producers will be held on April 10 at the University of California, Davis, Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

Many important but sometimes overlooked practices on genetic selection, cross-breeding, herd health and marketing will be covered including:

- Basic herd management practices and decisions that really work
- Maximizing heterosis with proper cross-breeding
- Fundamentals of niche marketing and rancher experiences
- Herd health practices to increase weaning percentage
- Hands-on demonstration – Assessing animal health
- Hands-on demonstration – Handling calving problems

Speakers will include Nancy Martin, DVM; John Maas, DVM; Jim Reynolds, DVM and UC Extension Specialist Glen Nader. Spanish Translation will be made available for all sections of the workshop.

The workshop is sponsored by the Napa-Solano Cattlemen's Association, Yolo Cattlemen & Woolgrowers Association, UCD Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, the presentations will be coordinated by UC Cooperative Extension, East Meets West Veterinary Services, and Cherry Glen Beefmasters. The workshop will begin at 8:30 a.m. and run to 3:30 pm.

Pre-registration is \$20 per person through March 26. Registrations after March 26 and registrations at the door will be \$25 per person. Student registrations, with ID, are \$10 per person. Lunch is included in registration fee. Registration is also available online (look under "Calendar"), or contact Morgan Doran, UCCE Livestock Advisor at (707) 784-1326, mpdoran@udcavis.edu.

Cattle Fax Weekly Market Highlight March 12, 2010

The fed cattle market was mostly \$2 higher this week with instances of \$3.00 higher. In the North cattle sold at \$144 to \$147 dressed and \$92 to \$93 live. Prices in the South were at \$94 to \$95. Boxed beef values were even to modestly lower as we are in a transitional period of slowing demand for end cuts, but still a bit early for middles. Movement continues to be limited. Feeder cattle prices were steady to \$1.00 higher for the week and calves were steady to \$2 higher. Slaughter cows were mostly steady. Large movement is being noted off of wheat pasture in the South, but those cattle continue to find good demand. Corn prices declined this week as supplies are adequate for current demand and corn export sales were limited.

Help Your Business and Your Industry by Joining CCA Today

Do you like what you see here? Are you interested in participating in these important efforts and receiving additional publications about California's beef cattle industry? If you're not yet a member, you can lend your support by joining the California Cattlemen's Association (CCA) today. CCA is the only membership organization in California dedicated solely to looking out for the interests of ranching families and California's cattle industry.

CCA staff and officers work every day to ensure that our members have a known voice in Sacramento and in Washington, D.C. CCA defends your private property rights; works towards preserving private and public rangeland; protects the health of California's cattle herd; and provides scholarships to help the next generation of ranchers remain in the industry.

Joining this critical effort is simple for cattle producers, landowners and supporters of the industry. Call Stevie in the CCA office at (916) 444-0845 or email requests for membership information to stevie@calcattlemen.org.

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