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### **CCA Comments on State Fire Plan**

The Board of Forestry and Fire Protection is in the progress of updating the State’s Strategic Fire Plan. During the recent open comment period on revisions to the plan, CCA submitted comments on behalf of the state’s cattle ranchers.

CCA’s comments recommended the plan elevate the importance of natural resource management, including the education of fire personnel on rangelands and ranching, support extensive fire fuel load management and fire prevention activities, research on management success and promoted managed grazing as a fire prevention activity.

For a copy of the comments or to learn more about the revision to the California State Fire Plan please contact Matt Byrne in the CCA office at (916) 444-0845 or [matt@calcattlemen.org](mailto:matt@calcattlemen.org).

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### **“AG” Diesel Truck Labels Available From CCA**

CCA is offering “AG” labels for members who registered agricultural trucks with the Air Resources Board in accordance with the Truck and Bus Regulation. Two labels are

required per truck with one label to be affixed to each door. Labels will be distributed on a first-come-first-serve basis and roughly 100 of the original 400 remain available. Please call the CCA office if you would like tuck labels and indicate how many trucks you've registered in the agricultural program. Trucks registered in the agricultural provisions must be labeled by April 30, 2010.

For more information on the truck rule, contact Justin Oldfield in the CCA office at (916) 444-0845 or e-mail [justin@calcattlemen.org](mailto:justin@calcattlemen.org).

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### **Young Cattlemen's Events Approaching: Youth Congress and Fundraiser to be Held**

The Young Cattlemen's Committee (YCC) has scheduled Youth Congress for April 28 and 29, in Sacramento. This event is an opportunity for future cattle producers to see firsthand what CCA does to represent cattle producers on all issues. The event will include sitting in on a committee meeting at the State Capitol, attending a legislative session, meeting legislators and hearing from beef industry speakers.

In addition to Youth Congress, YCC will be holding their annual dinner and live auction fundraiser at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo on May 15. The fundraiser serves as a way for YCC to hold educational events and travel to state and national cattlemen's meetings. All beef producers are encouraged to attend and support their future leaders.

Tickets to the dinner are \$25 per person. For more information or to donate items to the auction, contact Megan Huber in the CCA office at (916) 444-0845 or [megan@calcattlemen.org](mailto:megan@calcattlemen.org).

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### **CCA Scholarship Applications Available, Deadline May 24**

Scholarship applications are now available on the CCA Web site, [www.calcattlemen.org](http://www.calcattlemen.org). Each year, CCA affiliates give nearly \$20,000 in scholarships to California's future beef producers.

Undergraduates, master's degree students or veterinarian students attending or enrolled in a junior college, four-year college or university with current membership standing at CCA may apply. To be considered, students must have graduated from a California high school or are attending college in California must have at least a 2.75 GPA.

If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, applications are due May 24. For more information, contact Megan Huber in the CCA office at (916) 444-0845 or [megan@calcattlemen.org](mailto:megan@calcattlemen.org).

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## **Oak Woodland Management Field Day April 24 in Anderson**

The Shasta County Cooperative Extension and USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service are conducting an educational program on oak woodland management. This program will discuss systematically setting goals and developing a plan to achieve these goals, managing these lands for wildlife and livestock production as well as fuels management and carbon sequestration.

The afternoon session at the Fenwood Ranch will address oak regeneration, livestock management and conservation easements. This program will be held on Saturday, April 24, at the DuBose Ranch located at 5810 Parkville Road in Anderson.

To get to the workshop take Dersch Road east of Deschutes Road to Parkville Road. Turn right on Parkville and continue one mile until you reach the Dubose Ranch at the bottom of the hill. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and will adjourn at 2:30 p.m. There is a \$10 fee for the session which includes lunch and a copy of the Oak Woodland Management Handbook. For more information, please call (530) 224-4900 or [click here](#) to download a complete agenda and registration form. Space is limited so register early to be assured a space.

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## **Animal Behavior Workshop Coming to San Luis Obispo**

The University of California Cooperative Extension is hosting a workshop on April 29 on Animal Behavior Principles & Training Livestock to Eat Weeds. Come learn how to make “weeds” part of YOUR animals’ diet and improve your pasture at the same time. The event will be held at the Cal Poly Beef Center in San Luis Obispo. For more information and to register, [click here](#) or call (805) 781-5938 to reach Jim Zingo ([jzingo@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:jzingo@co.slo.ca.us)) or Bill Tietje ([tietje@berkeley.edu](mailto:tietje@berkeley.edu)).

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## **Cattle Fax Weekly Market Highlight**

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The fed cattle market was \$2 to \$4 higher this week as cattle sold for \$98 to \$100 in the South, while prices in the North garnered \$100 to \$102 live and \$160 to \$163 dressed. Trade volumes were excellent as some cattle sold for upfront delivery. Boxed beef values firmed modestly for the week, volume however remained limited. Feeder cattle prices were \$2 to \$5.00 higher this week while calves were quoted \$2 to \$4.00 higher. Turn-out demand is very strong at this time as most regions of the country have ample moisture heading into grass season. Slaughter cow values were \$2 higher. Corn prices were up and down all week settling at near even levels to last week.

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**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](mailto:stevie@calcattlemen.org).

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