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This week, Senate Bill 1303, authored by Sen. Lois Wolk (D-Davis) and co-sponsored by California Cattlemen's Association, sailed through the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

SB 1303 extends the provision of the California Endangered Species Act whereby ranchers and farmers may engage in routine and ongoing agricultural practices without fear of penalties if they accidentally take a species listed as candidate, threatened or endangered. This provision of law has been in place since 1997 and is a critical component in incentivizing landowners to allow habitat enhancement on their property.

The measure now awaits approval of the entire senate. Please contact Dawn Clover at dawn@calcattlemen.org with questions or concerns.

Send in Your Williamson Act Survey Today!

Did you receive a Williamson Act survey in your mailbox recently? If so, CCA asks that you return your survey to the office as soon as possible. CCA is working with a graduate research team based at the University of California, Davis, to conduct this anonymous survey, which addresses the importance of the Williamson Act. Surveys were sent to 700 randomly-selected CCA members and, at this point, only about 150 surveys have been sent back.

As CCA works with the California State Legislature and the Governor to reinstate full subvention funding of the Williamson Act, the information from the survey is vital to demonstrating the need our state's ranchers have for the Williamson Act. The results of this survey are anonymously tabulated. No personal information will be shared with the UC Davis research team or will be collected for compiling survey results.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Tracy Schohr in the CCA office at (916) 444-0845 or tschohr@calcattlemen.org.

2010 CCA/CCW Midyear Meeting Registration Available

The 2010 CCA/CCW Midyear Meeting will take place June 16-17, at the Lake Natoma Inn in Folsom. This is your opportunity as a member to give direction to your association. New this year, we have a condensed two-day meeting schedule to collaborate with the 2010 CBCIA Tour, June 18-20, following the Midyear Meeting.

Registration materials will be mailed to you, but are also available to print on our Web site, www.calcattlemen.org, where online registration is now available.

Hotel reservations can be made by calling the Lake Natoma Inn at (916) 351-1500 and by mentioning the California Cattlemen's Association you can receive the block rate of \$109/night. Reservations should be made by May 17.

If you have any questions about Midyear, please contact Chaley Paulson in the CCA office at (916) 444-0845 or chaley@calcattlemen.org.

Humboldt/Del Norte Cattlemen's Association Calls for Vote to Repeal Modified Point of Origin

On May 18, the Humboldt/Del Norte Cattlemen's Association will be holding a vote to repeal the Modified Point of Origin (MPO) regulations currently in place in the Tri-County brand inspection area, consisting of Humboldt and Del Norte Counties and a portion of Trinity County.

In order to proceed, the move to repeal current point of origin laws must be passed by a two-thirds margin of those present and voting. Only cattle producers that are property taxpayers, lessees or residents of the MPO area are permitted to vote.

The vote will be held at 7 p.m. at the Humboldt County Agricultural Extension Center, 5630 South Broadway at Spruce Point in Eureka.

For additional information, please contact Dawn Clover at dawn@calcattlemen.org.

Vehicle Code Permits Working Dogs to Ride

It has recently come to the attention of CCA that ranchers are being pulled over and cited for permitting working dogs to ride in the back of pick-ups. California Vehicle Code Section 23117 provides that working dogs associated with ranching or farming are permitted to ride in vehicles untethered.

If you reside in a region where stops and citations are occurring, you may wish to carry this statute in your vehicle. The pertinent section can be found [here](#).

Please contact Dawn Clover at dawn@calcattlemen.org for more information.

Young Cattlemen's Committee to hold Annual Fundraiser in San Luis Obispo May 15

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.

CCA Scholarship Applications Available, Deadline May 24

Scholarship applications are now available on the CCA Web site, 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 veterinary 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 be attending college in California and 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.

Beef Quality Assurance Program Scheduled for May 13 in Eureka

A producer education workshop on Beef Quality Assurance will be held on May 13 in Eureka. The program will be held at UC Cooperative Extension, 5630 S. Broadway, Eureka from 2 to 5 p.m.

The cost for BQA certification is \$25. Each person certified will receive a BQA certification number. These certifications may be valuable in marketing and the knowledge learned will lead to increased efficiency through enhanced production. For producers previously certified in BQA, if it has been more than two years since you last program, your certification has expired and you must attend a program like this one in order to re-certify.

For more information on the program, call the Humboldt County Cooperative Extension at (707) 445-7351 or contact Stevie Ipsen in the CCA office at (916) 444-0845.

Cattle Fax Weekly Market Highlight May 7, 2010

The fed cattle market was \$1 to \$2 higher this week as cattle in the South sold for mostly \$99 to \$100, while in the North the bulk sold for \$100 live and \$160 to \$161 dressed. Trade volumes remain more than adequate. The boxed beef market was modestly higher for the week and volume increased due at least partially to larger slaughter rates currently being noted. Trimming and end cuts continue to provide support as do exports. Feeder cattle and calf values were steady to \$2 higher for the week. Slaughter cows were even to \$1 higher. Volumes of bigger cattle will increase in May due to winter wheat cattle in the South as well as some movement off grass in the winter grazing areas of California. Corn prices were modestly higher for the week; plantings continue at a rapid pace in the Cornbelt.

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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