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Legislature Convenes First of 5 Hearings on Reform

In September, Senate President Pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg (D-Sacramento) and Assembly Speaker Karen Bass (D-Los Angeles) created bi-partisan committees, designed to address the need for state governmental reform. The first of five planned hearings was convened at the State Capitol Thursday by Assemblymember Mike Feuer (D-Los Angeles) and Sen. Mark DeSaulnier (D-Concord.) Discussion included a historical perspective of the evolving role of the legislative and executive branches, and what those two branches can do to improve their leadership of California. As more information on

reform proposals becomes available, CCA staff will update members. Contact Dawn Clover at (916) 444-0845 or dawn@calcattlemen.org for more information.

Assembly Leadership Schedules Legislative Session, May Include Water

Assembly Speaker Karen Bass (D-Los Angeles) will convene a legislative session Monday at noon to take up legislation not adopted by the Assembly prior to the close of the 2009 legislative session which Speaker Bass has indicated may also include a hearing on the water bond legislation. Water negotiations continue between Assembly and Senate Leadership, the Governor and stakeholders prior to official legislative language being released for deliberation sometime in the near future. CCA continues to monitor the situation and has remained engaged with other agricultural organizations and lawmakers to ensure that legislative proposals protect water rights and bond funding provides for increased storage and improved conveyance. Contact Justin Oldfield at (916) 444-0845 or Justin@calcattlemen.org for more information.

CCA Submits Comments to USDA Regarding Scale Certification

This morning, CCA submitted comments to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) regarding a proposed rule to tighten requirements for scale certification. The rule's primary focus is on "stockyard owners, market agencies, dealers, packers, or live poultry dealers that weigh livestock, live poultry, or feed," but some concerns have been raised that additional, federal certification requirements might be imposed for on-ranch scales at a time when local jurisdictions charged with conducting certifications are struggling with budget and manpower limitations that make obtaining certification difficult.

Working with a number of concerned CCA members, CCA urged GIPSA to "clarify in the final rule that this proposal does not apply to on-ranch livestock scales used in private treaty, brokered or video transactions and that on-ranch scale certification should continue to be subject only to requirements of the state or local jurisdiction." At CCA's request, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association also submitted comments on this rule supporting CCA members' concerns. If you would like more information or a copy of the comments submitted, please contact Matt Byrne at (916) 444-0845 or matt@calcattlemen.org.

Nominations Sought for the Common Threads Award

Do you know an outstanding woman in agriculture from Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Lake, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Sierra, Stanislaus, Solano, Sutter, Tehama, Yolo or Yuba County? If so, nominate her for the Common Threads Award, recognizing women for the positive impact they have made in their communities through their philanthropy and volunteerism.

Common Thread Award winners will be recognized at the 7th Annual Common Threads Awards luncheon to honor women in agriculture. This event will be hosted by the California Agricultural Leadership Foundation, at the University of California at Davis, on Wednesday, March 31, 2010.

For more information visit www.agleaders.org, nominations are due **Friday, November 20, 2009**.

Details for CCA/CCW Convention Now Available, Register by Oct. 27

Registration information is currently available for the 2009 CCA/CCW Convention, which will be held Nov. 11-13, at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks, Nev.

A complete registration packet will soon be arriving in your mailbox, but CCA encourages you to register early by either printing off the [registration form](#) and mailing or faxing it to the CCA office or by registering electronically through the CCA [Web site](#).

Should you have any questions about registration or about the convention, please contact Chaley Paulson in the CCA office at (916) 444-0845 or chaley@calcattlemen.org. Room reservations can be made at the Nugget by calling (800) 648-1177 and requesting the California Cattlemen's Association room block. Room reservations are due by Thursday, Oct. 29.

Deadline Approaching – Enter Your Photos in the CCA/CCW Photo Contest!

Have you taken a photo you are particularly proud of? By entering your photos in the CCA/CCW photo contest, you have the chance to win \$500 as well as numerous other prizes. Pictures may compete in the categories of People, Rural Life, California Landscapes, Animals and Wildlife and a new category, "Beef. It's What's for Dinner," sponsored by the California Beef Council. Ideas for photos in the new category are endless. From cattle in a field and children eating hamburgers at a picnic to photographing a beef entrée, the imagination is really the limit!

The contest is open to all CCA/CCW members and their immediate family. Deadline for photos is **Oct. 31**. For more information, including rules and entry forms for the contest, visit www.calcattlemen.org or contact Stevie Ipsen in the CCA office at (916) 444-0845 or stevie@calcattlemen.org.

Fundraiser to Benefit Young Cattlemen's Committee to be Held Tomorrow, Oct. 24

The annual dinner fundraiser for California's Young Cattlemen's Committee will be held this Saturday, Oct. 24, at 6 p.m. in the University of California, Fresno State Ag Pavilion. In addition to a great meal, a weight guessing contest, a silent auction and dessert auction

will be held at the event to raise money to help future producers attend lobbying trips to Sacramento and Washington, D.C., as well as other educational activities.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Megan Huber in the CCA office at (916) 444-0845 or YCC Chair Brie Witt at (209) 327-7546.

Attention Young Cattlemen: CCA Now Accepting Applications for Convention Interns, YCC Officers

For any members of CCA's Young Cattlemen's Committee interested in getting involved, networking with members of CCA and the California CattleWomen, Inc., as well as meet other young cattlemen throughout California, CCA is currently taking applications for interns at convention as well as applications for next year's state YCC officers.

Both of these opportunities are great ways to serve those involved in the ranching industry as well as learn more about the organization for yourself. Both applications are available on the homepage at www.calcattlemen.org and are due to the CCA office on or before Oct. 21, 2009. For more information, contact Megan Huber in the CCA office at (916) 444-0845 or megan@cattlemen.org.

**Cattle Fax Weekly Market Highlight
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The fed cattle market was quoted mostly \$2 higher this week in an active trade. In the North, cattle sold in a range of \$82 to \$85 live and \$132 to as much as \$135 dressed. In the South, cattle sold early week at \$84.50, but closed at \$85.50 to \$86, the highest of the prices in Texas. Boxed beef prices gained ground on the week led by Ribs and end cuts. Movement on that side was moderate. Feeder cattle prices were even to \$2 higher this week while calves were steady to instances of \$2 higher. Stocker demand is picking up with the recent rains through much of the winter wheat country. Slaughter cows were unevenly steady for the week. Corn prices continued to move higher on the week, pushed along by wet weather in the Cornbelt that is slowing harvest to a crawl.

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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