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Latest News and Events for California's Grain and Feed Industry.

CGFA Update on Annual Convention Cancellation

The California Grain & Feed Association's Board of Directors voted unanimously today to cancel the 2020 Annual Convention set to take place April 22-25 at the Sheraton Resort in Maui due to the issues surrounding the COVID-19 virus and the impact this is having on the personal safety of our members, travel, rules around gatherings, corporate work regulations. We realize the event is a month from now, but feel this decision is consistent with local, state, and national policies for dealing with this type of meeting. Individuals who have already made their reservations are encouraged to cancel them at this point, both with the hotel and the airlines. We will be sending out more information to members regarding refunds for registrations, sponsorship and advertisement on the event app soon. The decision was also made that the golf tournament scheduled for March 26th at Belmont Country Club will also be cancelled at this time. When the COVID-19 virus conditions have improved we will meet again with the Board of Directors to look at alternative plans to possibly meet in the fall, but for now let's get through these next few months as safely as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact Donna Boggs at donna@agamsi.com. We thank you for understanding.



Ongoing Updates from AAMSI

Your management staff at Ag Association Management Services Inc is closely monitoring the rapidly changing developments of the COVID-19 situation and its impact on food and agriculture businesses.

Several other national and state trade associations are also working to provide important resources and information. Below is a compilation of websites and online resources where you can find additional information. We would suggest you visit and bookmark these and then plan to check them daily – or even more frequently.

In the coming days and weeks, AAMSI will provide you with timely updates on significant actions as they develop, but we also do not want to overload your inboxes.

Of most importance, please know that our government relations staff is working on your behalf. At present we are focused on working with the state and federal Administrations to make sure the 'essential services' status for all food and agricultural businesses—along with those businesses who support the food and ag industry – is maintained. We are awaiting additional confirmation of this status and expect that to be available in the very near future.

We will keep you apprised of this and other important information. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us with any needs you have in this trying time.

Governor Newsom Signs Executive Order to Allow Timely Delivery of Vital Goods During COVID-19 Outbreak

Taking action to ensure that key commodities can be delivered to California retailers in a timely manner during the COVID-19 outbreak, Governor Gavin Newsom today signed an executive order to ease restrictions on commercial drivers engaged in support of emergency relief efforts.

The change comes in conjunction with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's emergency waiver announced [last week](#) to ensure the free flow of critical supplies and equipment.

The executive order also suspends existing law for employers directly impacted by COVID-19 and directs the Labor and Workforce Development Agency to provide guidance to impacted employees.

The Governor's full executive order can be found [here](#).

FDA Issues Temporary COVID-19 Policy for Receiving Facilities and FSVP Importers in Meeting FSMA Supplier Verification Onsite Audit Requirements

Today, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration [issued guidance](#) to communicate FDA's intention to temporarily not enforce supplier verification onsite audit requirements for receiving facilities and importers under the [FDA Food Safety Modernization Act \(FSMA\)](#) in response to the global pandemic of [COVID-19](#). FDA does not intend to enforce the onsite audit requirements if other supplier verification methods are used instead.

COVID-19 Resources for the Grain and Feed Industry

Below is a list of available COVID-19 resources for your industry from various trade associations and government agencies. We suggest you visit these sites often for updated information. We will continue to provide links in future emails and will add others we become aware of that may also be of value.

American Feed Industry Association (AFIA)

[Coronavirus : News & Resources to Help Members Weather this Public Health Crisis](#)

Note: This is a members only page.

National Grain and Feed Association

[COVID-19 Industry Resources](#)

U.S. Centers for Disease Control
[Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)—Resources for Businesses and Employers](#)

U.S. Food and Drug Administration
[Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)

California State Coronavirus Website
[California Coronavirus Response](#)

California Labor and Workforce Development Agency
[Coronavirus 2019 \(COVID-19\) Resources for Employers and Workers](#)

UC Berkeley Labor Occupational Health Program
[COVID-19 Worker Health Resources](#)
[California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association](#)

Resource for Industry - CDFA Safe Animal Feed Education (SAFE) Program

The [Safe Animal Feed Education \(SAFE\)](#) program of California uses outreach, education, and a comprehensive Voluntary Quality Assurance program to lead the nation in ensuring a safe and wholesome supply of commercial feed. SAFE uses an approach that fosters voluntary compliance with the state laws and regulations to ensure the safe manufacture and use of commercial feed in a changing livestock feed market. This unique collaboration between SAFE and the feed industry benefits both the agricultural community and the consumer.



[Watch Our Industry Video Here](#)

How does SAFE work? California's poultry, livestock and dairy industries utilize vast amounts of diverse commodities and feed additives. Animal feed must be of high quality to ensure adequate health and a wholesome supply of meat, milk and eggs. The amount of animal feed commodities used in California has increased substantially over the past decade, making California the largest manufacturer of animal feed in the U.S. In addition, the number of livestock production operations and dairies that mix their own feed on-farm has risen significantly. The SAFE program provides outreach and education materials to promote good manufacturing practice for on-farm feed mixing.

How is SAFE funded? The Commercial Feed program is completely industry funded. Funds come from license fees and a tax paid on each ton of feed sold to livestock producers in the state.

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Sign up for the Safe Animal Feed Education Program's Listserve to receive email updates [Here](#)

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