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

CGFA Message to Members

We would like to take this time to check in with our members. Please contact our office if you are having any issues we could help you with, the Association staff is here for you. COVID-19 has impacted everyone and every business. We will continue to provide assistance and resources to help you navigate this unprecedented situation. As a reminder, watch your emails for news and updates from both the California Grain & Feed Association and your management team, Ag Association Management Services Inc. (AAMSI). These emails convey valuable information and resources you may need at this time. Stay safe and healthy.

we're all in this together

CGFA Committee Activities and Updates

We are looking for more involvement from a wide variety of individuals from member companies. Take a moment to look over our revamped committee structure and sign up for one of the four committees offered to get more involved in CGFA. It is within the committees that industry problems are identified, analyzed, discussed; and where solutions and courses of action are realized. Here the individual can have his/her voice heard and contribute effectively to the process of industry self-determination. Committees also play a major role in the development of CGFA policy as well as the planning and scheduling of CGFA events. The effectiveness of the committee structure depends on your active involvement.

We recently had a productive call with the Environmental Committee chaired by Trent Trawick from Imperial Western Products. The committee discussed the goals and purpose of the committee including an update on AB 2959 (Calderon) a bill with environmental concerns on the “down-cycling” of organics from animal feed to compost and digestion. The committee is requesting opposition letters to help protect the 32.5 million tons of organics our animal agriculture industry currently utilizes. The next call for this committee will be this Fall.

The Governmental Relations Committee, chaired by Bill Adams, IWP, hosts bi-annual conference calls where our legislative advocates Dennis Albiani and Anthony Molina update the committee members on bills affecting the grain & feed industry. Committee members are given the opportunity to discuss issues they would like to see our legislative advocates work on that impact our industry. The Grain, Feed and Feed Ingredients Committee chaired by John Austel, NuWest, also meets when needed to discuss feed, quality, transportation, and serves as a liaison group with CDFA, FDA and USDA. The committee works closely to monitor the actions of the CDFA Feed Inspection Program, Ag Commodities and Regulatory Services Branch and the Feed Inspection Advisory Board. The Workforce Committee is our newest committee to be activated and will be chaired by Randy Hultgren, Associated Feed. We have a conference call scheduled and will be discussing issues relative to worker health and safety especially as it relates to COVID-19, workforce development, training, and industry-wide recruitment and retention. This committee is looking for new members – if you have someone at your company in the safety and human resource arena please ask them to consider joining the committee and participating on the call.

On behalf of the CGFA Board and staff, we would like to thank all of you who donate so generously of your time and talents to make CGFA a viable and productive Association!

[Committee Descriptions and Sign Up Form Available Here](#)

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: FDA prepares for resumption of domestic inspections with new risk assessment system

For Immediate Release: July 10, 2020

Statement From: Commissioner of Food and Drugs - Food and Drug Administration
Stephen M. Hahn M.D.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has been thoughtfully and deliberately determining the safest and most appropriate time to resume prioritized domestic inspections of FDA-regulated facilities and other associated activities since we first announced postponement in March. The White House Guidelines for Opening Up America Again are providing us a roadmap for optimizing operations and new work arrangements, as well as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance for protecting workplace exposures to COVID-19 in non-healthcare settings.

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CDFA Animal Health Branch newsletter - July 2020

The July 2020 Animal Health Branch Newsletter is now available. This month features articles on Virulent Newcastle Disease, Regional Quarantine is Lifted in Southern California, Foreign Animal Disease Investigations, West Nile Virus 2020 Update, Vesicular Stomatitis 2020 Update, Free RFID Tag Update, USDA Proposal to Transition to Electronic ID for Cattle Now Open for Public Comment, Compliance and Enforcement of Dairy Identification and more.

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From: Dairy Cares

Dairy's Shrinking Water Footprint: A Key Piece of the SGMA Puzzle

The implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and other anticipated water restrictions pose major challenges for California agriculture. Without effective solutions, economists have estimated that up to one million acres of farmland will be fallowed, resulting in a revenue loss of \$7.2 billion per year. As the state's top agricultural commodity, dairy farming is an important part of the SGMA challenge. Fortunately, dairy farmers have an excellent track record for water savings and are continuing to adopt innovative strategies to advance environmental sustainability and help meet the water conservation challenges ahead.

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California Legislative Report

The California legislative report this week includes Legislature Postpones July 13th Return; Business to Resume July 27th, November 2020 Ballot Proposition Numbers Published, Governor Newsom Issues Proclamation Declaring "California for All Small Business Month" and more.



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Federal Report

The Federal Report this week includes Congress to Tackle Next Round of Coronavirus Relief Payments, House Appropriators Advance Ag Spending Bill, SBA Releases Details of Paycheck Protection Program and more.



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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.



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CGFA Schedule of Events

2020

- December 2, 2020 - CGFA SoCal District Meeting and Christmas Luncheon, The Mission Inn, Riverside, CA

2021

- January 12-14, 2021 - Grain and Feed Industry Conference (GFIC) at the Embassy Suites on Monterey Bay, Monterey, CA
- April 21-24, 2021 - CGFA Annual Convention at the Marriott Hotel, Monterey, CA

2022

- April 26-29, 2022 - CGFA Annual Convention at the Hyatt Regency, Indian Wells, CA



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