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# CONVEYOR CURRENTS



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

### AAMSI Operations During Coronavirus Situation

We want to assure you the office of Ag Association Management Services Inc. (AAMSI) is fully functioning during this busy and uncertain time and we are working to make sure the members of **California Grain and Feed Association** continue to receive important information and services.

We are maintaining a minimal office staff at the 1521 I Street office in Sacramento, while most of our employees will be working remotely. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you need anything. You can call and leave a message at the regular office phone at (916) 441 - 2272. You may also reach your AAMSI staff representatives using contact information below:

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### Meetings and Events

AAMSI is following California Governor Newsom's directive and is cancelling all meetings to be attended by 50 people or more and, in fact, will be holding all meetings via video or teleconferencing. Please look for information on how to access these systems on individual meeting notices.

### To CGFA Members

The California Grain & Feed Association (CGFA) is carefully reviewing what measures should be taken relative to the Annual Convention, which is currently scheduled to take place April 22-25, 2020 at the Sheraton Hotel in Maui. The coronavirus (COVID-19) situation is rapidly evolving and we are assessing all options and working on a solution. On Wednesday, March 18th the CGFA Board will notify attendees and members of the final decision to either continue with our plans as

scheduled, postpone until the summer or cancel the annual convention. If you have not made your travel plans, we recommend that you hold off until the final decision has been made. If you have made all your bookings, we recommend that you hold off making any changes until March 18th. The hotel has agreed to change their 30 day cancellation policy and honor a 14 day cancellation policy.

We continue to stay in close communication with the hotel, state and federal officials regarding travel to Maui. We thank you for your patience.

## Helping CGFA Members Prepare

As you are all painfully aware, there is much to consider in operating your individual businesses during this time. To assist you, we are providing the attached [Business Checklist](#) from the Centers for Disease Control that may be helpful. Additional information can be found [here](#).

AAMSI staff members participated on several calls this morning with California Department of Food and Agriculture Secretary Karen Ross. Secretary Ross emphasized there is no evidence that COVID-19 Coronavirus can be transmitted on food or packaging. CDFA issued a [statement](#) emphasizing this fact last week.

As of now, agriculture and food businesses are considered 'essential service' which means they are exempted from some of the more severe mandates being issued by local and county jurisdictions.

The Secretary noted the situation is changing rapidly. The Department is doing everything it can to ensure California's food chain remains full, while keeping food safety top of mind and maintaining critical services provided by CDFA to protect the food supply.

Industry members participating on the calls were raised questions such as the availability of trucks, COVID-19 screening for field and plant workers; and requirements for equipment and plant sanitization for processing and packing facilities.

Also discussed was the possibility of extended work hours for ag employees amidst this crisis with some industry groups noting they are utilizing additional work shifts that allow them to adhere to recommended social spacing advisories. Secretary Ross reminded industry about the need to ensure supervisors with your businesses receive extra training to ensure they are monitoring employees for signs of illness and that hygiene practices be emphasized.

To assist in answering the above and other questions, CDFA is planning to create a special Frequently Asked Questions section of its website. We will keep you posted on these issues and more in the coming days. Please feel free to reach out to us with additional questions and we will do our best to get answers. In the meantime, the California Department of Public Health has created a COVID-19 web-page that can be found [here](#).



## In Memory of Del Shofner

Long time California Grain and Feed Association member, Del Shofner, passed away Wednesday in Los Angeles of natural causes. Family was by his side. He was 85.

Del was inducted into the Baylor Hall of Fame where he was a multi-sport star athlete. In addition to football, where he played running back, defensive back, punter, kickoff and punt returner for the Bears, he played basketball, baseball and was a sprinter on the track team. He is a member of the Southwest Conference Hall of Fame.

Del was the 1957 Sugar Bowl MVP as Baylor defeated No. 2 Tennessee, and this year he was inducted into the Sugar Bowl Hall of Fame.

A five-time NFL Pro Bowl receiver, Del was the LA Rams' first round draft pick, 11th overall, in the 1957 draft. After spending his rookie season on the defensive side of the ball, he was switched to offense in 1958 and had immediate success, leading the NFL with 1,097 receiving yards and earning First-Team All-Pro honors.

Del was also First-Team All-Pro in 1959, and then was traded to the New York Giants following the 1960 season where he had his greatest success. With Y.A. Tittle at quarterback, Tittle and Shofner became one of the most feared QB-receiver duos in NFL history. In 1961, he had 1,125 yards and became the first player in NFL history to have a pair of 1,000 receiving yard seasons. He also made NFL history from 1961-63, becoming the first receiver with 1,000 yards in 3 consecutive seasons. He was voted into the NFL All-Decade team for the 1960s as a First-Team member by voters of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Toward the end of his football career, he joined the team at Seley & Co in the mid 1960's where he enjoyed working with people he would count as great friends. Del became a partner in 1971 remaining active until retiring in 2006. He and his wife, Carol Seley Shofner, enjoyed family time and breeding and racing thoroughbreds. Their greatest success in horse racing was with Think Snow who raced against Affirmed in 1978.

Born Delbert Martin Shofner on December 11, 1934 in Center, Texas, Del lived in San Marino, California with his family. Carol passed away in 2015. Del is survived by his three children, Laurie Shofner Corwin, Stacey Shofner Gates and David Shofner, along with five grandchildren, Madison, Alex, Shea, Emily and Jacob.

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## California Legislative Report

The California legislative report this week includes Governor Newsom Issued New Executive Order Further Enhancing State and Local Government's Ability to Respond to COVID-19 Pandemic, Employer Requirements Dealing with Paid Sick Leave from Outbreak, California's Primary Elections Update and more.



[Read the CA Legislative Report Here](#)

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## Federal Report

The Federal Report this week includes Congress, USDA Discuss COVID-19 Contingency Plans for Agriculture, Coronavirus Shuts Down Major Ag Events, Administration May Grant Flexibility to China on Phase One Trade Commitments and more.



[Read the Federal Report Here](#)

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## 2020 California Animal Nutrition Conference

**May 6 & 7, 2020**  
**California Animal Nutrition Conference (CANC)**  
**DoubleTree by Hilton, Fresno, CA**

[Learn More Here](#)

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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.



[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.

[Watch the Industry Video Here](#)

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

### CGFA Schedule of Events

- March 26, 2020 - CGFA District Meeting & Golf Tournament - Belmont Golf and Country Club, Fresno, CA
- April 22-25, 2020 - CGFA 96th Annual Convention - Sheraton Maui & Spa, Maui, Hawaii
- May 6-7, 2020 - CANC 2020 Conference - DoubleTree by Hilton, Fresno, CA



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