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# CONVEYOR CURRENTS

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

## OSHA Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has issued "Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19" (the Guidance). Although the Guidance is not legally binding, OSHA does emphasize that employers must comply with existing safety and health standards and regulations published by OSHA or by applicable states with their own OSHA-approved plans. In addition, employers should keep in mind the Occupational Safety and Health Act's (OSH Act) General Duty Clause, which requires employers to "provide their employees with a workplace free from recognized hazards likely to cause death or serious physical harm."

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## Hours of Service of Drivers Final Rule

**The Hours of Service (HOS) Final Rule published today in the Federal Register** with an effective date of September 29, 2020. Petitions for reconsideration must be resubmitted by July 1, 2020.

Direct link to the Federal Register publication (pdf also attached): <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/06/01/2020-11469/hours-of-service-of-drivers>

The rulemaking publication is 57 pages; however, you will find the new regulatory text on the last two pages of the document.

Also attached are a couple of factsheets on the HOS rule changes that you may find helpful; additional information on the FMCSA website is forthcoming.

[HOS Final Rule](#)

[FMCSA Hours of Service One Page](#)

[FMCSA Hours of Service Get to Know the New Rule](#)

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## **Become PCQI Certified with AFIA**

As you may know, the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) requires one or more Preventive Controls Qualified Individuals (PCQI) in each facility that manufactures, processes, packs or holds animal food to develop and apply an animal food safety plan.

To help the industry meet this requirement, the American Feed Industry Association is hosting a Food Safety Preventive Controls Alliance (FSPCA) Preventive Controls for Animal Food training, where attendees will receive a FSPCA PCQI certificate after completion.

See more information on AFIA's PCQI training course below.

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## **Cal/OSHA Expands Employer Injury and Illness Prevention Program**

The California Division of Occupational Safety and Health, commonly known as Cal/OSHA, continues to modify rules and guidance for businesses operating during the COVID-19 pandemic. General industry and several industry-specific rules and guidelines have been modified. Recently, Cal/OSHA modified its rules and guidance on all employers' obligation to establish and implement an [Injury and Illness Prevention Program \(IIPP\)](#).

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## **USDA Announces Transition to Preventive Plan for Virulent Newcastle Disease in California**

The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is announcing that effective today, we are transitioning our virulent Newcastle disease (vND) efforts in southern California from a response focus to implementing a prevention plan aimed at keeping vND from recurring in the region. Even with extensive testing taking place, APHIS has not confirmed any new vND cases since February 1, 2020. As a result, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) is removing its vND quarantine.

"APHIS and CDFA employees have worked tirelessly over the past two years toward this goal," said Dr. Burke Healey, USDA's Chief Veterinarian. "While this is a big accomplishment, we need to continue the work to educate bird owners and arm them with the knowledge and tools to prevent this from happening again."

To guard against the risk of future outbreaks, the prevention plan led by the California Avian Health Education Network (CAHEN) will focus on disease monitoring and continual support for biosecurity training. We know that biosecurity practices work – they were essential in minimizing vND spread to commercial farms in the area and we've used them successfully in other poultry disease outbreaks. But these practices must be followed by anyone who owns or handles poultry. Southern California's many backyard and commercial poultry owners alike must remain vigilant in

protecting the health of their birds by ensuring biosecurity protocols are being followed every day, every time. Education, training and outreach will ensure backyard bird owners and both feed and pet stores have the information they need to keep birds healthy.

All backyard poultry owners and commercial operations also need to routinely check birds for signs of illness and report sick birds through CAHEN at 866-922-2473. This will allow animal health officials to investigate and quickly respond if needed. APHIS will continue to provide educational materials and staffing support to CAHEN and CDFA.

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## California Legislative Report

The California legislative report this week includes Policy Hearings Wrap Up, Key AG Bills Update, CA State Assembly Committee of the Whole Discusses State Budget and more.

[Read the CA Legislative Report Here](#)



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## Federal Report

The Federal Report this week includes House Passes Bill Easing PPP Restrictions, Coronavirus Food Assistance Program Applications Now Accepted, Fudge, Costa, Plaskett ask Perdue to explain Farmers to Families Food Box contracts 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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