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CDFA Releases Veterinary Feed Directive Report

From Morning Ag Clips

SACRAMENTO — The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) announces that its Antimicrobial Use and Stewardship (AUS) program has released its second annual report summarizing veterinary feed directive (VFD) information.

This new report for 2019 is broken into five main sections: background; VFD compliance; data summaries, tables and figures; data on 2019 manufacturing and distribution reports; and CDFA's future steps in working toward reducing antimicrobial resistance in animal agriculture. Each section of the report is constructed to provide easy-to-understand, visually comprehensive information.

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Housing for the Harvest Program Expands to Kings, Riverside and Tulare Counties, Providing Temporary Housing to Agricultural Workers Exposed to COVID-19

SACRAMENTO September 16, 2020 – The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) today announced that the counties of Kings, Riverside and Tulare will participate in Housing for the Harvest, a program announced by Governor Gavin Newsom in July to provide temporary hotel housing options for farm and food processing employees to self-isolate if they are COVID-19 positive and do not require hospitalization, or have been exposed and cannot properly self-isolate at home. Six counties are now participating in Housing for the Harvest: Kings, Riverside, Tulare, Santa Barbara, Fresno and San Joaquin.

The state is securing hotel rooms in participating counties, with local governments identifying administrators to manage the program and local community organizations to provide additional services, like meals, wellness checks and in-language assistance. Local administrators will serve as a point of contact for eligible workers. Local administrators of the program can include a county or city agency, a Native American tribe, a non-profit organization, or a philanthropic organization.

“Counties across the state are stepping up to provide a safe, temporary housing solution to protect agricultural workers who need to isolate,” said CDFA secretary Karen Ross. “These

hardworking men and women are on the front lines of the pandemic and it is critical that we protect them, their families, and local communities.”

Housing for the Harvest will ultimately be made available statewide and provide opt-in housing support for any counties or regions that are interested. California has received FEMA approval for this program during the COVID-19 pandemic and will seek federal reimbursement for 75 percent of hotel costs.

Kings County

Kings County has partnered with Kings Community Action Organization (KCAO) to administer Housing for the Harvest as part of Kings Cares. In addition to hotel quarantine support such as transportation, meals, wellness checks and laundry service, Kings County has allocated resources for financial assistance and additional support for family at home.

“Agriculture is at the heart of Kings County commerce, community, and identity, so taking care of the essential workforce that keeps ag moving is critical to the health and wellbeing of our county. The Kings Cares program provides quarantine and isolation support for all essential workers, but through the addition of Housing for the Harvest we are able to provide an extra level of housing support and security for our workers in agriculture and food processing who have been impacted by COVID-19,” said Ed Hill, Director of the Kings County Department of Public Health.

“Having grown up in Kings County I have seen the immense impact the essential workforce has had on me personally and at KCAO. Having the opportunity to collaborate with the Kings County Department of Public Health to give back to this workforce to help slow the spread of COVID-19 is a privilege. Housing for the Harvest will add a critical piece to the existing array of services that will be provided to the essential workforce,” said Joey Cox, Director of Intervention, Prevention and Supportive Services, Kings Community Action Organization.

Farmworkers and food processing workers in Kings County who are in need of these services are urged to visit www.thehealthyharvest.org or www.cosechasana.org or call 559-710-2000. Please note that personal information gathered through this process will be kept confidential. For agricultural business on-site testing scheduling, please visit www.thehealthyharvest.org.

Riverside County

Riverside County’s Department of Housing, Homelessness Prevention and Workforce Solutions has partnered with the local TODEC Legal Center to manage Housing for the Harvest in the county. The Riverside program will include meals, food, transportation and direct financial assistance of \$2,000 for each family participating in the program.

“Our farmworkers are essential and have continued working hard through this time to make sure the food supply is there for all of us,” said V. Manuel Perez, Riverside County 4th District Supervisor. “The pandemic has had a disproportionate effect on farmworkers throughout the State of California and in Riverside County.”

“As we face a pivotal time in history, we’re so proud of our State of California and County of Riverside for listening to the grassroots and stepping up to protect California’s most valuable asset, our farmworkers,” said Luz Gallegos, Community Programs Director, TODEC Legal Center. “We look forward to this partnership, as we work together to bring relief to our lifelong essential workers ‘Nuestros Campesinos’.”

Farmworkers or food processing workers in Riverside County who are in need of these services are urged to contact the TODEC Legal Center at (888) 863-3291 or via email at campo@todec.org. Please note that personal information gathered through this process will be kept confidential.

Tulare County

Tulare County’s program will be administered by Proteus, Inc. in coordination with the county’s Community Care Coalition. Through additional efforts of coalition partners, supplemental services are being offered to support families at home. The Central Valley Community Foundation has formed a regional Healthy Harvest program and will provide additional funding for support services and outreach. These partnerships are crucial to ensure needed outreach and investment in local communities.

"The work toward implementing the Healthy Harvest Program has been a unique display of Community Partners and Government Agencies coming together to provide resources and services ensuring the well-being of all residents in Tulare County during these challenging times. Tulare County helps to feed the world, and we are fortunate to be able to support ALL who make that happen," said Pete Vander Poel III, Chairman of the Tulare County Board of Supervisors.

"Proteus is honored to be part of this process in which we can serve the farmworker population. They are essential workers who are often forgotten, and we are glad we can help assist them in their time of need," said Michelle Engle-Silva, Executive Director of Operations, Proteus, Inc.

Farmworkers and food processing workers in Tulare County who are in need of these services are urged to visit www.thehealthyharvest.org or www.cosechasana.org or call 559-710-2000. Please note that personal information gathered through this process will be kept confidential. For agricultural business on-site testing scheduling, please visit www.thehealthyharvest.org.

If a county or community organization is interested in becoming a regional administrator, they may email cdfa.emergency.response@cdfa.ca.gov.

For more information on Housing for the Harvest, please visit our website.

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[Download the Housing for Harvest Fact Sheets Here Both English and Spanish Available](#)

California Legislative Report

The California legislative report this week Governor Signs Administration Priority Bills, Governor Newsom Announces \$76 Million in First Round of Homekey Awards, Governor Newsom Endorses Prop 15 and more.



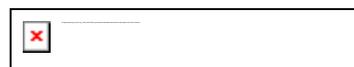
[Read the Full Legislative Report Here](#)

The 2020 Legislative Session has adjourned and will go down as one of the California Legislature's most unprecedented. At the start of this year, there were 2,203 bills introduced (not including two-year bills). Given the unfortunate circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, legislators paired down their legislative packages. In total, there ended up being roughly 550 bills from both the Senate and Assembly –approximately a 75% reduction from the beginning of the year. Further, by the end of this legislative session, 402 bills were sent down to Governor Newsom's desk. Specifically, there were 125 Senate Bills and 277 Assembly Bills. The Governor now has until midnight on September 30, 2020, to sign or veto legislation. Those bills signed by the Governor will go into effect on January 1, 2021, unless they are "urgency" measures which will take effect immediately. Furthermore, while the Legislature adjourned on September 1, 2020, at 1:30am, there were 32 total bills left on both the Senate and Assembly Floor that died –22 Senate Bills and 10 Assembly Bills. Many of these measures are likely to be reintroduced when the Legislature reconvenes on Monday, December 7, 2020, to commence the 2021-22 Legislative Session.

[Read the 2020 Agriculture Legislative Recap Here](#)

Federal Report

The Federal Report this week includes President Trump and Secretary Perdue Announce CFAP2, Hurricane Sally Roils Gulf Coast, USDA Wildfire Disaster Aid Available; Group Says More Is Needed and more.



[Read the Federal Report Here](#)

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

- **Postponed** - 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 - **Most Likely Will Be Moved to June 2021 – We will keep you posted**
- April 21-24, 2021 - CGFA Annual Convention at the Marriott Hotel, Monterey, CA
- May 5-6, 2021- California Animal Nutrition Conference, Fresno, CA

2022

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

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