



NCFB pushes back on grazing regulation

With onerous regulations proposed by the S.F. Regional Water Board for ranchers in the Napa River Watershed, NCFB submitted formal written comments contesting the need for such rigorous rules. Info regarding the TMDL Grazing Waiver program and a copy of our letter requesting a more sustainable and efficient approach can be accessed on our website at <http://www.napafarmbureau.org/newsroom/currentissues.html>. A formal hearing on the proposed water quality compliance program for grazing operations with 100 or more acres will be held on Sept 14th. Meanwhile, we will continue to work with the Water Board to affect changes and ease the bureaucratic and financial burden of this proposed rule.

CDFA announces 2011 Pierce's Disease assessment rate

CDFA Secretary Karen Ross has set the Pierce's disease winegrape assessment for the 2011 harvest at 75 cents per \$1,000 of value, based on the recommendation made by the PD/GWSS Board at its June board meeting. The assessment is used to fund research to find a solution to Pierce's disease (PD), and other activities related to the transmittal of PD, a bacterial disease vectored by the glassy-winged sharpshooter that kills grapevines. For more information about the PD/GWSS Board and how assessment funds have been used, visit www.pdgwss.net.

Participate in a social learning project for leafroll disease

UC Cooperative extension needs your help! Please sign up to participate in a 1-2 hour interview on grapevine leafroll disease management practices at <http://ucanr.org/sites/leafrollsocialelearningproject/Participate/> Kari Arnold is a graduate student at UC Davis in the Plant Pathology Department. She is working with Deborah Golino, Neil McRoberts, and Monica Cooper on a social learning project for grapevine leafroll disease. The goal of the project is to develop models to guide leafroll disease management at the community level. That's right--all of us working together to strategize and manage leafroll disease.

The first step in this project is to gather information on current disease management practices during 1-2 hour interviews. Interviews will be held at the UC Oakville experiment station, or at your offices, at your convenience. She would even ride around in your truck with you if that's what it takes. The strength of the project depends on your participation. Participation is voluntary and anonymity is guaranteed.

First Annual Tractor Pull – a great success!

It takes a village to achieve a successful event! Over 1300 people attended and enjoyed a rip roaring fun afternoon on June 25th thanks to generous sponsors, volunteers and donors.

Locals & pro competitors thrilled the crowd with roaring engines in their modified tractors and monster trucks. There was rockin' live music by Napa's own Hall 1, an appearance from local singer Mary Jensen, plus food, wine, beer served by local 4-H groups, Young Farmers & Ranchers, and Napa and St. Helena FFA.

Take a look at the video by Mike Kerson and pictures by Andrew Lincoln at <http://www.napafarmbureau.org/annualevents/tractorpull.html> and please like our facebook page "Wine Country Tractor Pull" to be notified of future events.

Please contact sylviep@napafarmbureau.org if you'd like to help plan another successful Wine Country Tractor Pull in 2012.

Fun at the Napa Town & Country Fair and an opportunity to showcase your wines!

The annual Napa Town & County Fair Preview Gala and Wine Tasting event is a fundraiser for the "Friends of the Fair" and also benefits the local 4-H Council through an auction. Wineries are invited to pour their wines in person at the event, everything is supplied on August 9th.

The great stomp competition is back! Get your team together and enjoy this fun competition pitting business against business, family member against family member, friend against friends.

This year's fair is from **August 10th to August 14th**. Show your support for Napa County youth by attending and bidding at the Junior Livestock Auction, Saturday, August 13th.

Visit <http://www.napafarmbureau.org/annualevents/napatowncountryfair.html> for more information.

Sexual Harassment Prevention Training for Agricultural Supervisors

Friday, November 9, 2011

9:30am – 11:30am training in Spanish, 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm training in English. Napa City County Library, 580 Coombs Street, Napa, CA

Employers with 50 or more employees are required to provide their supervisors with sexual harassment training every 2 years. The training is designed to meet a state mandate (AB 1825) for harassment prevention training for supervisory employees.

Presented by Farm Employers Labor Service (FELS). Certificate of completion included with course fee.

Please register by October 30, 2011, call 224-5403 or info@napafarmbureau.org for information. \$45 each NCFB or FELS Member, \$75 each non-member.

Visit www.napafarmbureau.org to register.

Cal/OSHA stages heat illness enforcement sweeps

As summer temperatures heat up, expect to see increased Cal/OSHA enforcement activity. To help you comply with the HIP standard and protect your employees, FELS has posted compliance resources online at www.fels.net/find. You may also visit <https://www.dir.ca.gov/DOSH/HeatIllnessInfo.html>, to understand your obligations as an employer to comply with the state's Heat Illness Prevention requirements. The agency will be particularly looking to issue citations where:

- Employers have not provided water "as close as practicable" to workers;
- Employers have not provided shade as close as practicable but no more than a 2½-minute walk at all times where the temperature exceeds 85 F;
- Employers and supervisors have failed to maintain adequate communication with employees to determine if employees may be suffering from heat illness;
- Supervisors cannot timely provide written copies of their HIP Compliance plan to a Cal/OSHA inspector.

Third Annual Barn Tour

Sunday August 28th, 9am-2pm

Preservation Napa Valley and The Napa County Farm Bureau present the third annual Barn Tour! This year we are moving Up Valley to Oakville -Rutherford where a bounty of beautiful barns and landscapes will awe you. Continuing our traditions of Brunch in Barn, acoustic music, great talks, resource + information tables and of course, great barns, you will be immersed in the agricultural heritage of Napa County. Remember, the Barn Tour sells out every year...there is nothing like it *anywhere!* You may find us at local farmers markets selling tickets but please go to Brownpapertickets.com to purchase tickets. For more tour info call 707 258-9286 or go to: <http://preservationnapavalley.org/upcomingevents/barntour.html>

NAPA COUNTY FARM BUREAU UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit napafarmbureau.org for a complete list and more information

August

- 3 Young Farmers & Ranchers meeting, 6pm 224-5403
- 8 Tax, Land Use meeting, 3pm at FB 224-5403
- 9 Community & Member Outreach, 12pm at FB 224-5403
- 10-14 Napa Town & Country Fair, www.napavalleyexpo.com/fair.html
- 17 Board of Directors meeting, 3pm at FB 224-5403
- 28 Barn Tour, purchase tickets 258-9286

September

- 7 Natural Resources meeting, 4pm at FB 224-5403
- 12 Tax, Land Use meeting, 3pm at FB 224-5403
- 13 Community & Member Outreach, 12pm at FB 224-5403
- 21 Board of Directors meeting, 3pm at FB 224-5403
- 30 California native plant sales member preview 253-2665

Save the date!

November 9 - Sexual Harassment Prevention Training
December 9 – Annual Holiday Reception

Stay informed, send us your email address!

Save paper & postage by signing up to receive FB news electronically. If you haven't already done so, please send us your email info to info@napafarmbureau.org for the most up-to-date information on pertinent issues and events.



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