



### **Napa/Solano FSA Asks Producers to Vote in County Committee Election**

The Napa/Solano Farm Service Agency (FSA) encourages producers to vote in the county committee elections. Ballots were mailed to eligible voters and completed ballots must be returned by mail or to local FSA offices by Dec. 6, 2010. County committee members are elected to office by their peers and serve as the representative voice for agriculture producers in the county. County committees are responsible for making decisions on issues including commodity loans and payments, conservation programs, disaster assistance programs and emergency programs. For more information on county committees, view the FSA website at [www.fsa.usda.gov/elections](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections) or visit a local USDA Service Center.

### **Affordable Housing Opportunity in Yountville**

A few one-bedroom apartments are still available at Arroyo Grande Villas, a new, 25-unit, complex in Yountville. Rents are \$715 and \$815, depending on the unit. Applicants must meet income restrictions, based on household size (1-3 persons). The project was built by Napa County Community Housing on land donated by Steve Bardesson. It is an excellent example of city-centered infill housing which helps us protect farmland and keep our urban centers vital. For additional information call 944-0210 or 253-6140 or go to [www.nvch.org](http://www.nvch.org). For a limited time a One Bedroom MOVE-IN SPECIAL OF \$500 toward first month's rent will be available to new applicants.

### **Winter 2010/11 Continuing Education Classes**

offered by the Napa County Agricultural Commissioner's Office for Winter 2010/2011:

Spanish Presentations:

December 14, 2010, 9- 11am | January 13, 2011, 9-11am

January 26, 2011, 9-11am

English Presentations:

December 14, 2010, 1- 3pm | January 13, 2011, 1- 3pm

Classes will be held at the UC Meeting Room at 1710 Soscol Avenue, Suite #4, Napa. Please call the Ag Commissioner's at 253-4357 with questions or to sign up.

### **Young Farmers & Ranchers meeting at Napa Smith Brewery.**

Join YF&R for their December meeting / social event with Solano YF&R, on Wednesday, December 15th at 6pm at the Napa Smith Brewery. There will be a tour of the facility followed by some beer tasting. Napa Smith Brewery is located at: 1 Executive Way, Napa. After the tour the group will have dinner. Please RSVP to [megan\\_ma\\_@hotmail.com](mailto:megan_ma_@hotmail.com) by December 5th.

### **California Women for Agriculture Annual Meeting & Convention** January 9-11 in Napa

"A Time to Celebrate" registration is now open visit: <http://californiawomenforagriculture.com/> or email [RedWino@live.com](mailto:RedWino@live.com)

### **New Petroleum and Oil Products Storage Tank Regulations**

The regulations regarding petroleum and petroleum oil products storage have changed for farmers and ranchers at the state and federal level. For the state rules (APSA) – farms are exempt if fuel storage is less than 20,000 gals. Federal rules (SPCC) – apply to farms that store more than 1,320 gallons in above ground containers or more than 42,000 gallons in completely buried containers. A brief overview of what you need to know for your agricultural operation about petroleum and oil products storage has been written by California Farm Bureau. Go to <http://www.napafarmbureau.org/newsroom/currentissues.html> to access the summary.

### **Burning season has started and regulations are available online.**

Call 1.800.792.0787 to find out if it is a permissive burn day. Also remember that before burning a notification form must be sent to the district by fax. <http://www.baaqmd.gov/Divisions/Compliance-and-Enforcement/Open-Burning.aspx>

### **Join the Organic Group**

A brown bag lunch meeting of the Organic Discussion Group will be on Friday December 10th at noon at the Farm Bureau's office, please call 224-5403 to RSVP.

### **Vineyard / Winery Labor Law Seminar**

Presented by Teresa Cunningham, Gaw Van Male

January 21, 2011 9am-11am, City-County Library

A comprehensive overview of the most recent developments in ag labor and employment law. \$35 for Farm Bureau members. Please RSVP by January 10<sup>th</sup>, space is limited.

### **2011 Ag, Labor Law and Safety Workshops**

*To keep you up-to-date and make your business more profitable, NCFB offers the following workshops!*

PG&E Ag rate change Workshop	Jan. 18
Labor Law Workshop	Jan. 21
Farm Supervisor Training	TBD
Water Forum	March 9
Farm Safety Workshop	March 30
Wildfire Prevention Workshop	April 5
CPR Training in English	April 6
CPR Training in Spanish	April 7
CPR Training in Spanish	April 11
First Aid Training in Spanish	April 12
First Training in English	April 13
First Aid Training in Spanish	April 14
Forklift Certification in English	July 8
Forklift Certification in Spanish	July 11

*Please call 707.224.5403 for more information or to register.*

*More information and registration forms will be posted on NCFB's website closer to the day: [www.napafarmbureau.org](http://www.napafarmbureau.org)*

### PG&E's new Demand Response program Workshop

January 18<sup>th</sup> 9-11am, UC Cooperative Extension Room, 1710 Soscol Ave, Suite 4, Napa, CA.

Come join Drew Cheney of the California Public Utilities Commission and PG&E on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 9:00 am, to learn about PG&E's new Demand Response program: Peak Day Pricing (PDP). Used in conjunction with mandatory Time of Use (TOU) rates, PDP can be a significant boon to your operation. Drew will explain how PG&E's program compliments California energy policy by promoting the reduction of peak energy demand, and can lead to lower energy costs. RSVP 707.224.5403 or info@napafarmbureau.org

### Sign up for CalAgX 2011 Export Training at NCFB's office Feb 3 - April 14.

The CalAgX training program will give you the knowledge, skills, and the connections to become a successful exporter. Classes will be held on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, February 17<sup>th</sup>, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, March 17<sup>th</sup>, March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 14<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 1pm. For more information on how you can be a part of this statewide training program at the Napa County Farm Bureau, visit [www.fresnocitd.org/calagx](http://www.fresnocitd.org/calagx) or contact Frank Nunez, Center for International Trade Development at (888) 638-7888 to enroll.

### Revisions to the Diesel Truck & Bus Rule workshop

Wednesday February 9, 2011, 9am-11am, UC Cooperative Extension Room, 1710 Soscol Ave, Suite 4, Napa, CA.

On December 12, 2008, the California Air Resources Board (ARB) approved a new regulation to significantly reduce emissions from existing on-road diesel vehicles operating in California. The ultimate goal of the regulation is for all on-road heavy-duty diesel fueled vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) greater than 14,000 pounds (with some caveats) to have a 2010 model year engine or equivalent by 1/1/23. The workshop will explain the ag and non-ag amendments to the truck rule and allow you to understand the new options before you decide how to proceed with compliance. RSVP 707.224.5403 or info@napafarmbureau.org



### Members' holiday reception on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at Trefethen Winery

Please join us on December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30pm at the historic Trefethen Winery 1160 Oak Knoll Avenue in Napa to celebrate the start of the holiday season. Enjoy wines and hors d'oeuvres as you mingle with fellow FB members, volunteers, staff and board members. Please RSVP by December 1<sup>st</sup>. 707.224.5403 or info@napafarmbureau.org

## NAPA COUNTY FARM BUREAU UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit [napafarmbureau.org](http://napafarmbureau.org) for a complete list and more information

### December

- 1 Natural Resources meeting, 4pm at FB 224-5403
- 2 Holiday reception at Trefethen Winery, RSVP 224-5403
- 4-8 CFBF Annual Meeting in Monterey. [www.cfbf.com](http://www.cfbf.com)
- 10 Organic Group meeting noon at FB 224-5403
- 13 Tax, Land Use meeting, 3pm at FB 224-5403
- 14 Continuing Education Class in Spanish, 9-11am  
in English, 1-3pm Ag Commissioner's office, 253-4357
- 14 Community & Member Outreach, 12pm at FB 224-5403
- 15 Board of Directors meeting, 3pm at FB 224-5403
- 15 Young Farmers & Ranchers meeting, 6pm,  
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- 24-31 Office close

### January

- 5 Natural Resources meeting, 4pm at FB 224-5403
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- 21 Labor Law Workshop, Napa City-County Library, 224-5403
- 25-27 Unified Symposium, Sacramento, [unifiedsymposium.org](http://unifiedsymposium.org)
- 26 Continuing Education Class in Spanish, 9-11am Ag Commissioner's office, 253-4357
- 26-29 Eco Farm Conference, Pacific Grove, [www.eco-farm.org](http://www.eco-farm.org)

### Save the Dates!

- May 13<sup>th</sup> – Meadow Muffin Ag Education Golf tournament
- July 15<sup>th</sup> – 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Meeting

### The Small Farms Conference

March 6, 7, 8, 2011, San Jose. The three day educational conference includes day-long short courses and on-farm tours; focused workshops; engaging keynote addresses and numerous networking opportunities. Everything you need to plan a Big Future! <http://www.californiafarmconference.com>

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**This holiday season, we want to thank you for your support of Napa County Farm Bureau. As we head into the New Year please know how much we appreciate that support. You are an integral part of the work that we do. Your partnership with Farm Bureau enables us to promote & protect Napa County agriculture to ensure a vibrant agricultural future.**