



New GM vehicle discounts to Farm Bureau members!

Discounts on General Motors vehicles are now available exclusively to Farm Bureau members! The discounts include a \$500 manufacturer incentive on a purchase or lease at participating dealers. Fleet vehicles also qualify for the \$500 incentive. For more information about the vehicle discount and other benefits available to Farm Bureau members in California, see www.cbf.com/benefits or call toll-free, 800-698-FARM

Information Meeting on Completing the Notice of Intent (NOI) for the Napa/Sonoma Grazing Waiver

Thursday, November 3, 2011 | 6:30 PM

UCCE Meeting Room, 1710 Soscol Avenue, Suite 4, Napa

The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board has adopted a conditional waiver for grazing lands greater than 100 acres in size within the Napa River and Sonoma Creek watersheds. In order to comply with the conditional waiver livestock operators or landowners of grazing lands are required to submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to the Regional Board by November 15, 2011.

UC Cooperative Extension along with the Napa USDA-NRCS, the Napa RCD and the Napa County Farm Bureau have been working to keep ranchers and landowners informed on this issue and will provide assistance on complying with these new water quality regulations.

During this meeting we will provide more background about the conditional waiver regulations, who is required to comply, how to comply and what needs to be completed by specific dates. We will also describe the types of assistance that will be available for ranchers and landowners to work through the compliance process. Of most immediate concern, we will describe how to complete and submit the Notice of Intent (NOI) to the Regional Board. Regional Board staff will attend to answer questions about the waiver and the NOI. For questions, contact Morgan Doran at (707) 784-1326 or mpdoran@ucdavis.edu.

Agricultural Chemical Container Recycling Event – Monday, November 14, 2011

The Collection Event will be held from 9:00 AM -3:00 PM at the Napa County Corporation Yard at 7292 Silverado Trail, Yountville, approximately ¾ of a mile north of Yountville Cross Road.

The following agricultural items are acceptable:

- Triple-rinsed and dried plastic pesticide and spreader containers.
- Triple-rinsed and dried plastic fertilizer containers.
- Loose labels/plastic sleeves and caps/bungs must be removed prior to recycling.

To be acceptable for recycling, 30- to 55-gallon containers must be cut into quarters, and 15-gallon containers must be cut in half. For more information, call 253-4357.

December 31st deadline to register ag stationary diesel engines

Owners of agricultural diesel engines over 50 hp must register the engine online with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District by **December 31, 2011**; and Comply with EITHER the

a. State Regulation affecting diesel engines in agricultural use;

OR

b. With the Air District's Regulation 11, Hazardous Pollutants, Rule 17: Limited Use Stationary Compression Ignition (Diesel) Engines in Agricultural Use, which provides an exemption from the State rule for very low-use stationary agricultural diesel engines and an alternate compliance schedule for certain low-use engines. Diesel engine owners/operators MUST apply and qualify for an exemption or alternate compliance by **December 31, 2011**.

Engine owners can register engines online at: <http://www.baaqmd.gov/Divisions/Engineering/Equipment-Registration/Agricultural-Diesel-Engines.aspx>. Engines must be registered by December 31, 2011. There is a one-time application fee of \$129 for the Alternate Compliance Plan but no fee when applying for an exemption.

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.

How short was your crop this year?

Free Crop Insurance Workshop, November 15th, 9am, NCFB's office.

Great American Insurance Crop Division Representative Greg Bronson will present the benefits of Crop Insurance in this free workshop for our members. Greg will review the application process, the named perils, levels of coverage and the role the federal government plays. There will also be a discussion regarding the practical and economic application of this unique insurance: Just how effective is crop insurance?

Space is limited.

RSVP to 224-5403 or info@napafarmbureau.org.

NRCS Conservation Programs Deadline Fast Approaching

Applicants are encouraged to submit applications for assistance through Nov. 18, 2011

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has set Nov. 18, 2011, as the application cutoff for ranking consideration for conservation program applications. Applications can be submitted throughout the year, but those received after November 18 will be held until the next funding cycle.

This deadline includes all California Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) and existing Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP) project priorities. The deadline for NRCS's National Initiatives (EQIP Organic, High Tunnels, Energy and Air Quality) will be provided at a later date.

For additional information, contact the Napa NRCS office at 252-4188.

SURE program for 2010 crop losses will begin November 14, 2011

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 authorizes the SURE Program beginning with the 2008 crop year and ending with losses incurred on or before September 30, 2011. SURE is available to eligible producers on:

- farms in counties with Secretarial disaster declarations*, including contiguous counties, that have incurred at least a 10 percent crop production or quality loss, or both, on all crops grown by a producer nationwide, **except** grazed crops

- farms in which, for the crop year, the actual production on the farm because of disaster-related conditions is 50 percent or less than normal production of the farm.

In order to qualify a grower must have had more than a 50% reduction in total farm production, and all crops of economic significance must have been covered by crop insurance or NAP. Deadline is June 1, 2012. Contact your local USDA office at 707-678-1931.

Learn about the business of truffles at the second annual Napa Truffle Festival, January 13-16, 2012.

The second annual Napa Truffle Festival will present enhanced programs and activities from the successful inaugural Festival in December 2010, including scientific cultivation, economics and culinary programs; food and wine pairings; truffle orchard excursions; and a Truffles & Wine dinner prepared by Michelin Star Chefs.

Napa County Farm Bureau is proud to sponsor this event. Napa County Farm Bureau members receive **10% off all truffle festival packages**. Please use the promo code "farm 12" to receive the 10% off at napatrufflefestival.com

NAPA COUNTY FARM BUREAU UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit napafarmbureau.org for a complete list and more information

November

- 1 State of Agriculture Address, Sonoma, www.sonomaafb.org
- 2 Natural Resources meeting, 4pm at FB 224-5403
- 3 Grazing Waiver meeting, UCCE Meeting Room, 6:30pm, 784-1326
- 4 Drip Irrigation Collection Day, 9am-2pm, 963-7977
- 8 Community & Member Outreach, 12pm at FB 224-5403
- 8 Napa Sustainable Winegrowing Group, 9am
www.naparcd.org/nswgmtg.html
- 9 Sexual Harassment Prevention workshop RSVP 224-5403
- 14 Tax, Land Use meeting, 3pm at FB 224-5403
- 14 Ag Chemical Container Recycling, 9am-3pm, Yountville 253-4357
- 15 Free Crop Insurance workshop, 9am at FB 224-5403
- 16 Board of Directors meeting, 3pm at FB 224-5403
- 16 NVG's Wine + Grape Expo 2011, <http://napagrowers.org>
- 18 Forklift Certification in English, 9am, RSVP 224-5403

December

- 3-7 CFBF Annual Meeting, <http://www.cfbf.com/am2011/>
- 7 Natural Resources meeting, 4pm at FB 224-5403
- 9 Holiday Reception at Trefethen, 5:30pm, RSVP 224-5403
- 12 Tax, Land Use meeting, 3pm at FB 224-5403
- 13 Community & Member Outreach, 12pm at FB 224-5403
- 13 Napa Sustainable Winegrowing Group 9am
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- 21 Board of Directors meeting, 3pm at FB 224-5403

Save the date!

January 13-16, 2012 Napa Truffle Festival

Members' holiday reception on December 9th at Trefethen Winery

Please join us on December 9th from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the historic Trefethen Winery on Oak Knoll Avenue 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.

Trefethen Winery is located at 1160 Oak Knoll Avenue in Napa. Please RSVP by December 5th at 707.224.5403 or info@napafarmbureau.org, space is limited

Napa Valley Film Festival November 9-13, 2011

Farm Bureau members receive 50% off the Festival Passes. Use the code "PARTNER-FP" at checkout to receive 50% off the Festival Pass which includes complimentary wine tasting at over 100 wineries, access to all regular film screenings and panel and discussion programs for 5 days. The festival celebrates the best new independent films from around the world. Visit napavalleyfilmfest.org.

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