



## Grant funding opportunity from Air District

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is accepting grant applications for emission reduction projects. This year, \$14 million in Carl Moyer Program funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis to owners of commercial vehicles and equipment that include: heavy and medium duty diesel trucks, agricultural and off-road equipment. Apply online today at [www.baaqmd.gov/moyer](http://www.baaqmd.gov/moyer)  
Funding is available to: install verified emission control devices, replace older engines with newer and cleaner engines, replace older equipment with newer and cleaner equipment, purchase new diesel equipment that is cleaner than the law requires.

## USDA info on discrimination claims

A process to resolve the claims of Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who believe they were discriminated against when seeking USDA farm loans is being established.

If you believe that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) improperly denied farm loan benefits to you during certain time periods between 1981 and 2000 because you are Hispanic, or because you are female, you may be eligible to apply for compensation.

For additional information on this claims process and other settlement issues contact the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office at 707-678-1931

## Calistoga rules for grape sourcing and winery tasting rooms

NCFB has been working with the city of Calistoga and our winegrape industry partners on rules to protect and promote the Napa Valley appellation and to adopt rules requiring 75% Napa grape sourcing for new wineries & winery tasting rooms. The issue will be discussed at the next city council meeting on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Insectary Hedgerow Workshop

The Yolo County RCD, NRCS, UC Cooperative Extension and the Xerces Society are sponsoring an Insectary Hedgerow Workshop in Esparto on **September 8, 2011** from 7:45 am - noon in Esparto.

Contact Sheila Pratt for registration and directions: [pratt@yolorcd.org](mailto:pratt@yolorcd.org) 530.662.2037 ext. 117

## Estate Tax Reform

Farm Bureau continues to advocate on family estate tax issues. Fortunately, we were spared the return of 2001 estate tax law on January 1, and it was even better news that we now have a 35% tax rate above a \$5 million exemption. In fact, the tax rate hasn't been that low since 1931. The catch is that this more generous exemption and rate will only last through December 31, 2012, and will return to the 2001 tax law the next day. We will aggressively lobby for repeal, and if that is unattainable, we will seek an extension of current levels, indexed to inflation. We will also support and thank Congressman Mike Thompson for reintroducing H.R. 390, a bill that would defer the tax for agricultural property for as long as farming or ranching continues.

## Food Day celebration of local food initiatives on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>!

Find out how Napa County folks are working together to form a more sustainable local food system at Napa's "Food Day" on Oct. 24. NCFB is working with the Napa Local Food Advisory Council on this educational food forum, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Yountville Community Center, 6516 Washington Street in Yountville. For more information or to volunteer, please visit <http://www.countyofnapa.org/AgCommissioner/NLF> or Sommer at 253-4357.

## 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](mailto:info@napafarmbureau.org) for information. \$45 each NCFB or FELS Member, \$75 each non-member.

Visit [www.napafarmbureau.org](http://www.napafarmbureau.org) to register.

## Sign up now for the Forklift Certification workshop on November 18th

**Improve workplace safety and offer valuable training for your employees!**

NCFB's office, 9-11am, November 18th. In English. Forklift Certification Program OSHA's standard 29 CFR 1910.178 require employers to establish and implement a forklift training and certification program. Employers must ensure that all designated forklift operators are trained and certified prior to operating any powered industrial truck in the workplace. Additionally, employers are required to review each operator's performance and provide refresher training at least every three years.

This class will provide each employee with the written certification and will prepare them for the forklift operating check-off which must be done on their own forklift in front of their supervisors.

Call 224-5403 or visit [napafarmbureau.org](http://napafarmbureau.org) to register

## Teacher Opportunity to Attend State Agriculture in the Classroom Conference! October 19<sup>th</sup> in San Francisco

Napa's AITC is giving scholarships for teachers that would like to attend. Come enjoy innovative presentations, interactive workshops, and hands-on make 'n' take activities covering trends and information from agriculture education experts, as well as inspiring guest speakers, and exciting networking opportunities. Be a part of CFAITC's silver anniversary.

To sign up contact [aitc@napafarmbureau.org](mailto:aitc@napafarmbureau.org) or call 224-5403

## NAPA COUNTY FARM BUREAU UPCOMING EVENTS

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

### September

- 7 Natural Resources meeting, 4pm at FB 224-5403
- 8 Insectary Hedgerow Workshop, Yolo County  
530.662.2037 x 117
- 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
- 27 Ag In The Classroom meeting, 4pm at FB 224-5403
- 30 California native plant sales member preview 253-2665

### October

- 5 Natural Resources meeting, 4pm at FB 224-5403
- 5 Young Farmers & Ranchers meeting, 224-5403
- 10 Tax, Land Use meeting, 3pm at FB 224-5403
- 11 Community & Member Outreach, 12pm at FB 224-5403
- 24 Food Day event, 4-7 pm at Yountville Community Center
- 26 Board of Directors meeting, 3pm at FB 224-5403

### Save the date!

November 9 - Sexual Harassment Prevention Training  
November 18—Forklift Certification  
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](mailto:info@napafarmbureau.org) for the most up-to-date information on pertinent issues and events.



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