



NRCS 2011 EQIP Grants - Nov. 12, 2010 is the Application Deadline for Napa County Farms and Ranches

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program, (EQIP) has provided grants for many kinds of soil and water conservation projects on ranches, since 1997. In 2010, NRCS grants were contracted for over \$400,000 in Napa County alone. Call the Natural Resources Conservation Service office at 252-4189, or email phillip.blake@ca.usda.gov for more information.

Vote for Diane Dillon and Mike Thompson on or before November 2nd!

Farm Bureau endorses the re-election of Diane Dillon for Supervisor in the 3rd District. Diane Dillon has worked diligently to protect our agricultural lands and open space, strengthen the economy, manage county funds and find solutions to the state budget quandary. She believes Napa County can grow economically while preserving the agricultural resources and quality of life.

A congressional leader for estate tax reform, Rep. Mike Thompson, has earned the endorsement of Napa County Farm Bureau and the California Farm Bureau Federation in his campaign for re-election. Thompson, D-Napa, seeks a seventh term representing the 1st Congressional District, which includes Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino and Napa counties and portions of Sonoma and Yolo counties. As the representative of one of the nation's signature wine-producing regions, Thompson has also worked for policies that break down barriers to wine sales.

We urge all Farm Bureau members to exercise their right to vote and to support Diane Dillon and Mike Thompson.

Visit <http://www.cfbf.com/election/> to download CFBF's election guide which contains information about other candidates and measures on the Nov. 2 ballot.

Social Media's Potential in Agriculture

To help agriculturists make better use of these new tools (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, wikis & more), a workshop titled "New Media: Making Marketing Personal," will be held from 8:30am to 6pm. Saturday, Nov. 20, in UC Davis' Wellman Hall. The workshop is sponsored by the California Agricultural Leadership Foundation, in conjunction with UC Davis' College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and Department of Animal Science. Info & register at: <http://agnewmedia.ucdavis.edu/contact>. Check out AgChat.org to learn more about empowering a connected community of Advocates.

Members' holiday reception on December 2nd at Trefethen Winery

Please join us on December 2nd 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 Nov. 24th. 707.224.5403 or info@napafarmbureau.org



Free Crop Insurance Workshop, November 5th, 9am, NCFB's office.

Great American Insurance Crop Division Representative Greg Bronson will present the benefits of Crop Insurance. 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 707-224-5403 or info@napafarmbureau.org.

Join us in Monterey for CFBF's New Horizons... No Fences Annual Meeting December 4-8, 2010

We hope you will plan to join us for another exciting California Farm Bureau Annual Meeting to see what Monterey and Farm Bureau have to offer. The program includes a Young Farmers & Ranchers Discussion Meet, CFBF policy debates, a Tradeshow and guest speakers Temple Grandin (animal welfare expert) and Willie Brown (former S.F. Mayor). Visit www.cfbf.com to register. NCFB leaders Jim Lincoln, Dana Estensen, Dan McQueeney, Peter Nissen & Cio Perez will represent Napa at the conference.

Join the Organic Group

The post-harvest brown bag lunch meeting of the Organic Discussion Group will be on Friday November 12th at noon at the Farm Bureau's office, please call 224-5403 to RSVP.

Ag chemical container recycling offered by the Napa County Agricultural Commissioner's Office in cooperation with Interstate Ag Plastics County Corporation is on November 15th in Yountville, 9am-3pm 253-4357. 7292 Silverado Trail, County Corporation Yard in Yountville.

2010 / 2011 Ag, Labor Law and Safety Workshops

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

2010	
Crop Insurance Workshop	Nov. 5
Forklift certification in English	Nov. 18
2011	
PG&E Ag rate change Workshop	Jan. 18
Labor Law Workshop	Jan. 21
Farm Supervisor Training	Feb. TBD
Water Forum	March TBD
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

Napa Sustainable Winegrowing Group Fall Kick-off Meeting

Join the Napa Sustainable Winegrowing Group (NSWG) for its fall kickoff meeting on Monday, November 15 at 9-10:30am, at the offices of Walsh Vineyard Management. NSWG's November meeting is a great opportunity for growers to reconvene after a busy harvest season, and put together a wish list of presentations and workshops for the winter and spring. The RCD will be unveiling the first draft of a brand new website designed to help Napa's farmers choose the best plants for a variety of projects (insectaries, cover crop, riparian restoration, etc.). The feedback at the meeting will be critical to the website's usefulness! All are welcome!

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 3rd, February 17th, March 3rd, March 17th, March 31st and April 14th 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 or contact Frank Nunez, Center for International Trade Development at (888) 638-7888 to enroll.

Producer input sought for Regional Local Food Distribution & Aggregation Center

Farmers are invited to comment on the potential for a North Coast Regional Local Food Distribution & Aggregation Hub. The Community Alliance for Family Farms (CAFF) is hosting the meetings and has received a grant to study the feasibility of a local food center. Growers in Napa, Sonoma, Mendocino & Lake are invited to attend any of the 4 meetings.

Nov 15, 9 - 11:30am, UC Coop Extension Conference Room, 1710 Soscol Ave, Napa

Nov 15, 2 - 4:30pm, Agricultural Commissioner's Office, Agricultural Center, 883 Lakeport Blvd, Lakeport

Nov 17, 9 - 11:30pm, Agricultural Commissioner's Office, 890 Bush St, Ukiah

Nov 17. 2 - 4:30pm 133 Aviation Blvd Suite 109, Santa Rosa

Luxury on the Line: Agricultural Heritage vs the New Economic Wave... When the green gives way to the concrete. Thursday, November 4, 6-7:30pm.

How do the contemporary pressures of growth, housing, resort development and other elements, affect valley identity, cultural resource conservation, agriculture as the economic driver and our future as a definable and distinct place. Panel: Sandy Elles, Napa County Farm Bureau; Mark Luce, Napa County Supervisor; Kevin Teague, Holman-Teague; Jeff Redding, Land Use Planners; Lin Weber, Napa historian **Rutherford Grange**. 8550 St Helena Hwy, Rutherford. Snacks will be served with beer generously provided by **Silverado Brewing Company**. This event is free, highly informative and not to be missed! 258-9286.

NAPA COUNTY FARM BUREAU UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit napafarmbureau.org for a complete list and more information

November

- 3 Natural Resources meeting, 4pm at FB 224-5403
- 3 Young Farmers & Farmers meeting, 6pm, 694-8835 or 738-8553
- 4 Luxury on the Line, Ag Heritage vs the New Economic Wave, by Preservation Napa Valley, 6pm at Rutherford Grange, CA
- 4 Napa Valley Viticultural Fair, 8am-3:30pm at the NV Expo, www.shop.napagrowers.org
- 4-6 California AITC conference in San Luis Obispo, www.cfaitc.org
- 5 Crop Insurance Free Workshop, 9am at FB 224-5403
- 8 Tax, Land Use meeting, 3pm at FB 224-5403
- 9 Community & Member Outreach, 12pm at FB 224-5403
- 12 Organic Group meeting noon at FB 224-5403
- 15 Napa Sustainable Winegrowing group meeting, offices of Walsh Vineyard Management, 9-10:30am 252-4188
- 15 Ag Chemical Container Recycling, Yountville 9am-3pm 253-4357
- 15 CAFF local foods distribution and aggregation hub project. 9-11:30am at Napa UC Coop room
- 15 Conservation Tillage in Organic Systems, Modesto, 9am-5pm
- 17 Board of Directors meeting, 2pm at FB 224-5403
- 20 Social Media Potential in Agriculture, UC Davis' Wellman Hall. <http://agnewmedia.ucdavis.edu/contact>

December

- 1 Young Farmers & Farmers meeting, 6pm, 694-8835 or 738-8553
- 1 Natural Resources meeting, 4pm at FB 224-5403
- 2 Members' holiday reception at Trefethen Winery, RSVP 224-5403
- 4-8 CFBF Annual Meeting in Monterey. www.cfbf.com
- 10 Organic Group meeting noon at FB 224-5403
- 13 Tax, Land Use meeting, 3pm at FB 224-5403
- 14 Community & Member Outreach, 12pm at FB 224-5403
- 15 Board of Directors meeting, 3pm at FB 224-5403

Save the Dates!

May 13th – Meadow Muffin Ag Education Golf Tournament

July 15th – 98th Annual Dinner Meeting

VIT Fair Nov. 4, 2010, 8am -3:30pm Napa Expo

This year's event offers an unprecedented variety of tools and valuable insights for all of our industry stakeholders – from vineyard owners and growers to the viticulturists, vineyard managers, and farm workers charged with the management and care of the North Coast's vineyard sites. Admission is \$10. www.shop.napagrowers.org

USDA Historic Aerial Photography

The USDA's Aerial Photography Field Office (APFO) is home to one of the country's largest aerial film libraries, and they are now offering landowners access to these photos. The imagery dates from 1955 to the present, and is available at several different scales and in stereo. USDA historic photography can play a vital role in environmental assessments, change detection, past land use and property boundary disputes.

Please be prepared to provide an accurate description of the area you wish to be included in your photo; this can be a legal description, latitude and longitude, or a local map. All products are made to order and completion time may vary depending on existing workload. Please include your name, address and phone number with your inquiry. To order call 801-844-2922 or email apfo.sales@slc.usda.gov. More information on the products and services is available at: www.apfo.usda.gov

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