



Update on Winery Definition Ordinance

On Oct. 6th, the Board of Supervisors deferred an important decision on whether to amend the Winery Definition Ordinance (WDO) and allow weddings and expanded hospitality events at wineries. In delaying a decision, the Supervisors agreed with a proposal from the Napa Valley Vintners (which Farm Bureau supported) to allow the winegrape industry to discuss the issue first and come back with a recommendation by January 30th.

The request to amend the WDO originated with a group of caterers and event planners as well as some wineries in an effort to stimulate the local economy by allowing weddings and expanded marketing events at wineries. The WDO was originally adopted in 1990, after years of winegrape industry consideration, to provide a sustainable balance to protect ag resources but also allow limited wine processing and commercial marketing opportunities on agricultural parcels.

At the hearing, NCFB Director Jon-Mark Chappellet and NCFB member Andy Beckstoffer testified about the history and importance of the Winery Definition Ordinance and highlighted the policies within the WDO that are integral to maintaining the integrity of the Ag Preserve. Over the next few months, NCFB leaders will meet with Napa Valley Grapegrowers and Napa Vintners to carefully review the ordinance and craft a joint industry recommendation.

Important info on European Grapevine Moth

Significant crop damage has been reported in vineyards in the Rutherford and Oakville regions due to the European Grapevine Moth (*Lobesia botrana*), a very destructive pest of winegrapes which has never before been detected in the United States. USDA and CDFA, in cooperation with the Napa Ag Commissioner's office will delineate the impacted area(s) and categorize the pest. Once the pest is categorized, federal procedure will determine treatment protocols. This includes the possible establishment of quarantine zones and eradication treatments (if warranted).



UC Cooperative Extension staff Lucia Varela, Frank Zalom, and Monica Cooper will release a publication through UC IPM website describing the pest and its biology, with a target date of early November. At the November 4, 2009, meeting of the Napa Viticulture Technical Group, Lucia Varela will discuss *L. botrana* and other moth pests found in vineyards. The meeting will be held from 11 am-12 pm, in the UCCE Meeting Room, 1710 Soscol Ave.

European Grapevine Moth (EGVM) is a known pest of grapes in Europe, the Mediterranean, southern Russia, Japan, the Middle East, Near East, and northern and western Africa. Visit http://www.napafarmbureau.org/images/Lbotrana_MRA.pdf to download a risk assessment document prepared by USDA on the European Grapevine Moth.

Growers who experienced significant crop damage may find assistance through FSA's Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program. Info is available on our website at www.napafarmbureau.org. It is important to note that in order to be possibly eligible for the 2009 SURE program, producers must have: experienced more than 50% loss in this year's crop, losses determined to be exacerbated by weather conditions, been covered by crop insurance.

Questions about assistance and eligibility should be directed to the local FSA office in Dixon (707-678-1931). Growers must be diligent in documenting losses attributable to EGVM and exacerbated by weather, and maintain the information in the event they want to consider or apply for assistance through the SURE program or any future program that might exist.

Sexual Harassment prevention training for Agricultural Supervisors

Employers with 50 or more employees are required to provide their supervisors with sexual harassment training every 2 years.

A workshop presented by FELS and Napa County Farm Bureau is designed to meet the state mandate for harassment prevention.

A certificate of completion is included in course fees.

\$50 for NCFB members and \$75 for non-members.

Call 707.224.5403 for more information

November 13, 2009, 9:15 a.m. –11:30 a.m. Spanish

At the Napa Library 12:45 p.m.—3:00 p.m. English

Flu Prevention Recommendations

What you can do to stop the flu

- Wash your hands frequently
 - Cover your coughs & sneezes in your sleeve or with a tissue
 - Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth
 - Stay away from people who are coughing & sneezing
- If you have a fever, cough, sore throat, or other flu-like symptoms: **STAY HOME** except to get medical care until 24 hours after your fever has gone without using medication.

H1N1 Vaccine: Protect Yourself & Your Family, Now & for the Future

Who should get it?

Everyone who wants to be protected should get the vaccine, but especially:

- pregnant women
- children ages 6 months to 24 years
- caregivers of infants up to age 6 months
- health care workers
- those with underlying conditions such as asthma or diabetes

Is it safe?

The vaccine is produced in exactly the same way the annual seasonal flu vaccine is produced.

It is safe for you & your loved ones

Where should I get it?

First, check with your doctor. He or she may be able to give you the vaccine. If you don't have a doctor, call (707) 253-4270 or visit www.co.napa.ca.us for updated information

Napa County Farmers Honored for Safety Records

Four Napa County farmers are among the winners of the annual Farm Bureau State Fund Group Insurance Program's safety-award program. Congratulations to Napa County's award recipients: **Jeanne Frediani, Mayacamas Vineyards, Robledo Vineyard Management and Universal Capital Corporation.**

NAPA COUNTY FARM BUREAU UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit napafarmbureau.org for a complete list and more information

November

- 4 Natural Resources meeting, 3pm at FB 224-5403
- 5 NV Wine Grape Expo, 8am at Lincoln Theater, Yountville, 944-8311
- 5 Estate Planning Succession Workshop 9:30am at FB 224-5403
- 9 Tax, Land Use meeting, 4pm at FB 224-5403
- 10 NSWG Fall meeting, 9am, Walsh Vyd Mgt, 252-4188 x 120
- 10 Community & Member Outreach, 12pm at FB 224-5403
- 13 Sexual Harassment Prevention training, RSVP 224-5403
- 14 3rd Annual Barn Dance, Napa Expo, purchase tickets 224-5403
- 16-17 Sustainable Ag Expo San Luis Obispo, 805-369-2288
- 18 Board of Directors meeting, 3pm at FB 224-5403
- 19 Estate Planning Succession Workshop 9:30am at FB 224-5403
- 20 Drip Irrigation Collection Day 9am Upper Valley Disposal, 963-7988

December

- 2 Natural Resources meeting, 3pm at FB 224-5403
- 3 Holiday Reception at Trefethen, 5:30pm, RSVP 224-5403
- 8 Accident Investigation Workshop, 9am at FB
- 8 Community & Member Outreach, 12pm at FB 224-5403
- 14 Tax, Land Use meeting, 4pm at FB 224-5403
- 16 Board of Directors meeting, 3pm at FB 224-5403

Napa Valley Wine & Grape Expo

November 5th, 8am – 5pm, Lincoln Theater, Yountville

The Expo is hosted by the Napa Valley Grapegrowers. Each presentation will focus on specific vineyard practices as they relate to wine quality. The program will also include guided wine blending trials for growers and an exclusive tradeshow with 50 of the industry's leading viticulture and enology companies.

Napa Valley Grapegrowers, Napa County Farm Bureau, Napa Valley Vintners Member Price \$100, all seminars, trade show, & lunch. To register visit www.napagrowers.org or call the NVG at (707) 944-8311

Please let us know what computer class you would like to have Farm Bureau offer.

Contact us at info@napafarmbureau.org

NAPA COUNTY FARM BUREAU EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

November & December 2009

November 5 & November 19

Free Fall Estate Planning & Business Succession Seminars

LPL Financial Services & Napa County Farm Bureau presents a free seminar series to help you with farm succession, estate planning, tax reduction strategies and stewardship programs

Each seminar will be held at NCFB's office from 9:30 am – 11:30 am.

Business Succession Planning for the Next Generation

Thursday, November 5, 2009

Helping the new generation of farmers to take over the family business & providing a secure retirement & exit plan for the senior farmer

Strategies for Property, Income & Estate Tax Reductions Thursday, November 19, 2009

To register call 707.224.5403 or email info@napafarmbureau.org

November 13

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December 8

Free Accident Investigation Seminar Napa County Farm Bureau's office, 9am-11:30am

The workshop is designed to show employers how to more thoroughly investigate accidents to reduce their future claims, as well as educate employers about Cal/OSHA citations and consultation. It will demonstrate how workplace hazards can be discovered and corrected through properly conducted accident investigations. The following topics will also be covered:

Evaluating the hidden costs and risks of a Cal/OSHA citation | Preparing for a Cal/OSHA inspection.

How to successfully get through the inspection process | How to navigate the Cal/OSHA appeals process.

Participants please bring a digital camera and tape measurer to the class. Please RSVP by December 3rd, space is limited, 707.224.5403 or info@napafarmbureau.org

November 14

Support the third annual Barn Dance

Join us at the O.K. Corral Chardonnay Hall (Napa Expo) for lots of foot-stomping fun. This is an annual event you do not want to miss!

The Farm Bureau Directors and Future Farmers of America will serve a mouth-watering Western BBQ dinner accompanied (of course) by premium Napa wines and local beers.

Proceeds will benefit the great programs of Napa & St. Helena FFA, Vintage High School Farm & Napa County Farm Bureau.

So polish your boots and buckles and join the fun!

Tickets are \$50, free for children under 10 and \$10 for children 11-18.

Purchase your tickets online today at napafarmbureau.org or call us at 707.224.5403

December 3



Members' Holiday Reception at Trefethen Winery

Please join us on December 3rd from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the historic Trefethen Winery to celebrate the start of the holiday season.

Enjoy wines and hors d'oeuvres as you mingle with fellow FB members, staff and board members.

Trefethen winery is located at 1160 Oak Knoll Ave in Napa.

January 22 and February 12

Learn how to use the internet and create or use an email account using free email services as well as your own.

New!
class

9-11am, FB's office, free

Steve Leonardi from Napa Valley Technology group will explain all basic concepts of the internet. This free class will teach you how create an email account, search the internet and create a Facebook account.

No computer knowledge is necessary. Bring your lap-



NAPA COUNTY FARM BUREAU
AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM

7th Annual Meadow Muffin
Ag Education Golf Classic

Save the date!

May 14, 2010

Eagle Vines Golf Club



Napa Uncovered
Proceeds support Napa County
Agricultural Preservation



"an opportunity to spice up your planner" *Wine Spectator*

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Order online at napauncovered.com or call 707.224.5403



Holiday Offer

\$35 for both the NU Calendar & 1933 Map!
1933 Napa County Soils Map (original 33"x41")
& 2010 Napa Uncovered Calendar (premium 9"x12")



A \$15 saving