



Farm Aid available for losses due to spring freeze

Napa County Agricultural Commissioner Dave Whitmer has asked us to inform you that the US Department of Agriculture granted a Secretarial disaster designation for the county of Lake and the contiguous counties of Colusa, Glenn, Mendocino, **Napa**, Sonoma and Yolo due to agriculture losses caused by freezing temperatures that occurred March 2, 2008 through April 24, 2008.

The assistance includes:

- **Emergency farm loans for actual losses as a direct result of the disaster**
- **Up to a maximum of \$500,000**
- **Interest rate 3.75 percent**

We encourage farmers and ranchers who suffered losses and need a low cost loan to apply for the emergency aid. Please note that **the application deadline is May 11, 2009.**

To apply, contact local Farm Service Agency (FSA) at (707) 944-0622 or visit www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/disaster

Napa County farmers honored for safety records

Napa County Farm Bureau is thrilled to announce that five Napa County farmers are among the winners of this year's Farm Bureau State Fund Group Insurance Program's safety-award program. The award recipients are: Bartolucci & Sons LLC, Mayacamas Vineyards, Kirkland Ranch Winery, Jarvis Vineyards, and Hyde Children Family Partnership II.

Danielle Rau, CFBF Rural Health and Safety Program director, said the winners are excellent examples of successful farmers who recognize the importance of making farms and ranches safe places to live and work.

The safety awards are presented to those agricultural employers who had perfect safety records among State Compensation Insurance Fund's Farm Bureau group policyholders in 2007. They achieved the lowest injury losses among policyholders with premiums of \$20,000 and above.

Remember that unnecessary injuries and illnesses can be prevented on farms and ranches by incorporating an effective safety-training program.

Since 1943, the California Farm Bureau and State Fund partnership has provided farmers affordable worker compensation insurance coverage and accident prevention

training for agricultural employers and their employees. For more information, call toll-free at (800) 773-7667, or check the SCIF Web site at www.scif.com.

Free outdoor lighting for PG&E & ag customers Save money and energy

Replace your old inefficient mercury vapor fixture for immediate energy saving and better outdoor light at no cost. PG&E in conjunction with Richard Heath & Associates, Inc offers the light exchange program to help customers save money and energy with high-pressure sodium yard light fixture. To benefit from this program call RHA at 1-866-455-0898 and mention the Napa County Farm Bureau. Visit <http://www.lightexchange.info/> for more information



Scholarships available - Farming for the Future 2009 California Farm Conference, March 1-3, Sacramento

This year a total of 110 scholarships will be offered. Ten of them will go to Students, 10 to Farmers Market Managers and 90 will go to SDA farmers and ranchers throughout California. Producers are encouraged to apply for a scholarship. Visit www.napafarmbureau.org/images/ScholarshipApp2009.pdf to download a scholarship application. Scholarships may also include lodging at the conference hotel and mileage allowance.

For more information on the 3 day event, visit: <http://www.californiafarmconference.com/joomla/>

NCFB Voter Guide

Tuesday, November 4, 2008

Local Candidates

F Mark Luce

Second District Board of Supervisors

F Keith Caldwell

Fifth District Board of Supervisors

Local Initiative

F Yes on Measure P

Extends Measure J for 50 years and protects over 500,000 acres of ag & watershed land

for state proposition recommendations visit:

<http://www.cfbf.com/voterguide/>

or call our office 707.224.5403

==== Free Financial Planning Seminar Series =====

Hear experts in professional estate planning, tax law and investment strategies on ways to best handle your estate planning. This is a **free seminar series** for NCFB members. Each seminar will be held at the Napa County Farm Bureau's Office from **9:00 am – 11 am** 811 Jefferson Street, Napa.

Strategies for Estate Tax Reduction

Thursday, October 23, 2008
Robert Green, *Retirement Capital Strategies*, Mike Manfred, *Gaw Van Male*

10 Common Errors with Irrevocable Trust

Thursday, November 6, 2008
Robert Green, *Retirement Capital Strategies*, Dave Diamond, *Dickenson, Peatman and Fogarty*

Succession Planning

Thursday, November 13, 2008
Robert Green, *Retirement Capital Strategies*, Tom McKalf, *Consulting Specialist in family succession planning*

Financial Planning Seminar RSVP Form

I will attend the following seminars:

- † **Strategies for Estate Tax Reduction** — October 23rd
- † **10 Common Errors with Irrevocable Trust** — November 6th
- † **Succession Planning** — November 13th

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