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- [Proposed Reorganization Of USDA Revealed](#)

The Agriculture Secretary Thursday announced a reorganization of the Department, including a new Under Secretary for Trade.

EPA Delays Implementation of Pesticide Applicators Rule

The Environmental Protection Agency announced it would delay implementation of the Pesticide Applicators rule. Missouri Governor Eric Greitens (griht-tins) says the action follows his recommendation to EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt during a meeting to delay the rule. Greitens says the recommendation was made at the request of Missouri farmers and ranchers. The move, according to the Missouri Governor, proved "the old way of doing business at the EPA is over and done with." Pruitt said the EPA would delay the rule for 12 months. The Pesticide Applicators Rule would establish a minimum age of 18 and stricter training requirements for people who apply restricted-use pesticides. The extended timeline, according to Pruitt, will give the EPA more time to consult with states and receive feedback from farmers and ranchers about the rule.

https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/egov/Press_Releases/Press_Release.asp?PRnum=17-023

CDFA ANNOUNCES VACANCY ON THE LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD



SACRAMENTO, May 11, 2017- CDFA's Bureau of Livestock Identification is announcing a vacancy on the Livestock Identification Advisory Board, which makes recommendations to the secretary of agriculture about the curbing of livestock theft; legislation and procedures to improve the function of the Bureau; and the Bureau's annual budget.

The term of office for a member on the Board is four years. Members of

the Board receive no compensation, but are entitled to reimbursement for mileage. The present Board membership consists of two beef cattle producers, two dairy producers, two registered feedlot operators, and one livestock marketing business representative.

A Board position opened on May 1, 2017. Any interested individual representing the cattle feeder industry should apply. Please send a brief resume by June 15, 2017, to the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Bureau of Livestock Identification, Attention: John Suther, 1220 N Street, Sacramento, California 95814.

The Bureau of Livestock Identification is the sole State authority to register and inspect cattle operations. The Bureau maintains a brand registration and inspection program to protect cattle owners in California against loss of animals by theft, straying, or misappropriation. The Bureau assists local law enforcement with investigations and prosecutions involving cattle theft, and it also inspects cattle for evidence of lawful possession prior to transportation, sale or slaughter.

Additional information is available on LID's web page:
https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Livestock_ID/index.html

Robotic Apple Picker a labor Solution for Orchards

A robotic apple picker is inching closer to commercialization and possible relief from labor issues for the nation's apple growers. Abundant Robotics is in the process of perfecting a prototype that can pick one apple every one to two seconds, possibly giving the apple industry a solution to labor challenges. [Watch the video](#)

PMA: Work Smarter, Not Harder

"Work smarter, not harder" was an often-said phrase at the Produce Marketing Association's Tech Knowledge Symposium. The annual event is in its fourth year and aims to establish relationships between entrepreneurs and members from all aspects of the food chain. [Get the story.](#)