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## **USDA Investigating Unapproved GE Petunias**

**The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services is investigating imported unapproved genetically modified petunias. USDA says the GE petunias produce various hues of orange, red and purple colored flowers. The petunias have been imported into the U.S. from Africa, Asia, Central America, Europe, South America, as well as the countries of Australia, Israel and Mexico, and distributed without proper authorization. USDA says APHIS is working in close cooperation with breeders and growers represented by the American Seed Trade Association and AmericanHort to ensure the GE petunia varieties are withdrawn from distribution. APHIS says Petunias are annual, ornamental plants that have no sexually compatible wild relatives in the United States. Several distributors have already voluntarily removed GE petunias from distribution and destroyed them in accordance with APHIS guidance.**

## **Stockmanship and Stewardship Program**

The Stockmanship and Stewardship program will be coming to UC Davis June 23-24.

The event will cover live cattle handling demonstrations featuring Curt Pate and Ron Gill, hands-on training and offer new information in the cattle industry. Attendees will have the opportunity to earn their Beef Quality Assurance certification and lead right into the UC Davis Production Horse Sale on Saturday June 24.

Registration for the event is \$50 and includes meals.

<http://www.stockmanshipandstewardship.org/attend/davis-ca>

## **Canada Defeats GMO Labeling Bill**

**Members of Canada's Parliament defeated a GMO labeling bill last week. The bill was handed a landslide defeat, with 67 members voting yes, and 216 voting no. The bill would have mandated GMO**

**labeling in Canada. Online food industry publication FoodNavigator-USA reports the bill specified that Canada's Food and Drugs Act be amended to say "No person shall sell any food that is genetically modified unless its label contains information to prevent the purchaser or the consumer of the food from being deceived or misled in respect of its composition." However, critics pointed out that the bill failed to properly define the term genetically modified, with opponents arguing the wording of the bill was too vague. The vote follows a similar move by the United States the passed the U.S. Congress last year.**