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## **FARM INCOME PROJECTED TO INCREASE SLIGHTLY**

### **Audio with AFBF chief economist Bob Young**

The recent projections of farm income released by USDA's Economic Research Service in their 2017 Farm Sector Income Forecast suggest that while farm income may have hit rock bottom in 2016, there will be an uptick in both net farm and net cash income in 2017 American Farm Bureau Federation Chief Economist Dr. Bob Young says livestock sales are driving the slight increase...tape

Cut #1 :14 OC:... "relative to 2016."

Forecasts for both livestock and crop cash receipts are promising. Livestock cash receipts will increase by 4.8 percent and crop cash receipts will increase by 1.6 percent in 2017.

Given recent projections, Young offers this planning advice to farmers...tape

Cut #3 :07 OC:... "together accordingly."

# **California Clears First SGMA Hurdle**

**By the end of August, California had met one of the deadlines put forth by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), in the creation of local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs). The formation of so many agencies was a difficult task requiring strong cooperation, commitment and leadership from numerous individuals and communities.**

**SGMA mandated the creation of locally controlled GSAs by June 30, 2017. As of now, 99 percent of California's 127 high and medium priority groundwater basins are covered by either a local GSA,**

**groundwater adjudication or alternative sustainability plan.** The State Water Resources and Control Board is addressing the remaining basins that did not meet the GSA formation deadline by attempting to identify any active wells drawing groundwater. Extractions of groundwater from unmanaged areas that are not covered by a GSA, adjudication, or alternative plans must be reported to the state.

**Now that GSAs have been formed, the next step is to establish and implement groundwater sustainability plans which will be reviewed by the Department of Water Resources (DWR).** Sustainability plans will provide a blueprint and timeline for how to bring basins into balanced levels of pumping and recharge, to meet the deadlines created in SGMA. GSAs will be able to craft their plans according to the economic and environmental needs of the local community. The plans will be continuously updated to meet the goal of sustainable management of California's groundwater by the year 2042.

Basins that have been identified as critically over-drafted will need to have sustainability plans in place by January 31, 2020. High and medium priority basins will have until January 31, 2022, to adopt plans.

DWR will be providing assistance in the creation of sustainability plans through the sharing of important information and data, along with offering guidance publications and grant funding opportunities. DWR is also presenting sustainability plan workshops throughout the state with the first scheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup> in the Fresno area.

The requirements established by SGMA are intended to provide a safeguard against sustained periods of drought and contribute to a more reliable water supply regardless of weather conditions. **Information on SGMA resources and activities is available on the [DWR website](#).**

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**UC ANR, CropMobster partner to share inspiring stories of ag innovation and food system champions**

*CropMobster TV's Season 2 takes viewers on a journey through every county of California, meeting food and ag leaders and seeing how they carve out their livelihoods while feeding their communities.*

Most consumers' first encounter with their food is in a grocery store or on a plate served in a restaurant, and they give little thought to how the food got there.

To learn what goes on before food becomes a meal, CropMobster's Nick "Nicky Bobby" Papadopoulos is meeting with folks around California who are responsible for growing, processing and delivering fruits, nuts, vegetables, meat and other foods. Using a low-tech approach to video with a mobile phone and selfie stick attached to a gutter washer, Nicky Bobby interviews people about their roles in our food system.

As a sponsor of CropMobster TV Season 2, UC Agriculture and Natural Resources is pleased to help introduce some of the Californians who toil behind the scenes to provide consumers the delicious and nutritious food we eat.

Nicky Bobby chats with farmers, people at nonprofit organizations that work to reduce food waste and hunger, scientists, land managers who steward our natural resources and business owners.

"Everybody's into food, but all too often people don't make the connection between food and agriculture," said Glenda Humiston, University of California vice president for agriculture and natural resources. "When you talk about agriculture, people think of two jobs – farmer and farmworker. There are thousands of jobs in the agricultural ecosystem.

"UC ANR is happy to support CropMobster in telling the stories of the men and women who supply us with safe and abundant food, the challenges that they face and the efforts being made to make the food system even better."

CropMobster TV is a nonprofit storytelling and video project by CropMobster in collaboration with [Food Tank](#) and many other individual and organizational supporters to highlight the crucial work of everyday heroes working to feed their communities.

"Sponsorship and support from UC ANR, which does agricultural research and outreach in every California county, is helping us connect with communities throughout the state," said Papadopoulos, CropMobster CEO. "We are also grateful for Food Tank and so many other individuals and organizations who are pitching in."

"This is such a unique, energetic and needed effort to engage our populace on food and agriculture issues," said Danielle Nierenberg, Food Tank president. "We are thrilled to partner with CropMobster and UC ANR and hope to see the CropMobster vision grow and spread!"

CropMobster TV episodes will be published on:

- [CropMobster's Youtube Channel](#)
- [CropMobster's Facebook Page](#)

**Episode One: [Sangre del Dragón Hot Sauce!](#) (Season 2, Ep 1)**

Nicky Bobby attempts to ride Ginger, a horse from Rockney Farms in El Dorado County, then interviews Sacramento high school students at the Alice Waters-inspired Edible Sac High school garden program about their start-up: Sangre del Dragón Hot Sauce company.

To watch and share, <https://youtu.be/oyiVQ9AiusM>

**About CropMobster** <https://cropmobster.com/>

CropMobster partners with bold community leaders to grow high-impact local food networks and community sharing exchanges. The goals are to spark local food economies, engage communities to reduce food waste, support hunger relief and food security efforts and to facilitate sharing of resources.

# Surviving Drought Risk Management Workshop Series

hosted by the California Cattlemen's Association



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## Transportation & Electronic Logging Device Workshop

September 20, 2017 | 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Nugget Casino Resort

1100 Nugget Ave, Sparks, NV 89431

Transporting livestock in the West is a critical component of the cattle business. Whether you are in need of finding new forage opportunities due to drought or you are seeking to connect with buyers traditionally in the Midwest, transportation regulations and freight costs have a direct impact on your bottom line. This workshop is intended to educate ranchers and livestock haulers on regulations impacting the intrastate and interstate movement of livestock with specific focus on the use of Electronic Logging Devices to comply with federal Hours of Service restrictions which are currently scheduled to be mandated beginning December 7, 2017.

Workshop is free  
and open to all  
ranchers!

### Invited speakers include:

**Regulations Governing the Hours of Service (Drive & On Duty Time) Allowed for Hauling Livestock**  
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation

**Electronic Logging Device Regulation & Device Demonstration**  
Paul Clark, EROAD

**Trends in Freight Costs for Western Livestock Hauling**  
Dr. Tina Saitone, University of California, Davis

**Long Term Weather Forecast & Drought Update**  
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