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CERTIFIED ANGUS BEEF'S 1.12 BILLION-POUND TEAM EFFORT

Audio with CAB president John Stika (stick-uh)

September 30th brought the end of the Certified Angus Beef brand's fiscal year. We caught up with president John Stika to talk about the ten percent increase in tonnage and another sales record.

A third year of herd expansion. The world's largest branded beef program knew supply would be both a challenge and an opportunity heading into the 2017 fiscal year. Ranching, retail and foodservice partners took full advantage....tape

Cut #1 :19 OC:..."fiscal year."

That increase came from all areas. Each division, from international to foodservice to retail, saw growth. Stika first credits cattlemen and women for producing more high-quality beef to sell...tape

Cut #2 :29 OC:..."at that time."

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WEATHER

Precipitation was sparse last week throughout the State due to a large dome of high pressure which settled over the Great Basin. New heat records were set Monday across southern California as temperatures soared to the 100s due to a heat wave which covered the coast and inland.

Temperature highs were in the 70s to 80s in the mountains, 70s to 100s along the coast, 80s to 90s in the valley, and 80s to 100s in the desert. Temperature lows were in the 20s to 50s in the mountains, 30s to the 50s in the desert and the valley, and 40s to 60s along the coast.

FIELD CROPS

Cotton continued to be harvested for lint and seed, and farmers were expecting a decent yield. Alfalfa fields were still going strong, and continued to be irrigated, cut, and baled. Sorghum fields were being harvested. Most summer crops have been harvested, and fields were being worked. Winter wheat planting was ongoing. Rice harvest was about one half done.

FRUIT CROPS

Stone fruit harvest was nearly finished. Soil amendments were being applied to some stone fruit orchards. Table **grape** harvest continued. Thompson seedless grapes were being rolled and picked up for raisins. **Pomegranate** and **kiwifruit** harvest continued. **Persimmon** harvest was underway, with the cooler weather helping external color. Early Navel **oranges** were being picked and tested for maturity. Valencia orange harvest was finishing up. Citrus orchards were being skirted and trimmed for the coming season. Melogold **grapefruit**, **limes**, and **lemons** were being picked. The heavy **olive** crop harvest continued. **Dates** were still being harvested, with completion expected by the end of November. **Strawberry** field work focused on bed preparation, laying drip table, and planting strawberry transplants.

NUT CROPS

Almond harvest was essentially complete for the year. Some soil amendments were applied in some almond groves. **Pistachio** and **walnut** harvests continued.

VEGETABLE CROPS

Pumpkins and specialty pumpkins were harvested. Certified producers were picking tomatoes, sweet corn, okra, cucumbers, squash, and peppers. Commercial plantings of yellow squash, eggplant, bell peppers, green chili peppers, and cucumbers were being harvested and shipped domestically. Fall vegetables were developing well, and some early varieties were almost ready for harvest. In Monterey County, many late-season lettuces, broccoli and cauliflower were growing.

LIVESTOCK

Non-irrigated and foothill rangeland forage was primarily in poor to very poor condition. Supplemental feeding of cattle was ongoing. Cattle were moved down from high elevation range in anticipation of snow. Sheep grazed harvested grain fields.