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California Farm Bureau Welcoming New Leadership at Annual Meeting

The California Farm Bureau Federation is hosting their 99th annual meeting in Garden Grove beginning Sunday, December 3 and running through Wednesday, December 6. Paul Wenger will be giving his final address as President during the general session and expressed his excitement for the future of the organization.

Jamie Johansson should be taking over as the next president,"

Some of the highlights of the upcoming meeting include the young farmer and rancher discussion meet, along with the industry trade show featuring many of the leading agricultural businesses from across the nation. The breakout sessions will also be covering a variety of subjects including agricultural research, rural crime and safety, and other important issues affecting the industry.

- [A-New USDA Export Forecast](#)
USDA's new agricultural export forecast for this 2018 fiscal year has exports below 2017.
Warren Preston, USDA Deputy Chief Economist, with some key numbers in USDA's new fiscal year 2018 trade forecast.

Ethanol Applauds EPA RVO Announcement, Biodiesel Disappointed

The Environmental Protection Agency Thursday finalized a rule that establishes the required renewable fuel volumes under the Renewable Fuels Standard program for 2018, and biomass-based

diesel for 2019. The agency set a total renewable fuel blending obligation of 19.29 billion gallons next year, maintaining the statutory requirement of 15 billion gallons of conventional biofuel such as corn-based ethanol and 4.29 billion gallons of advanced biofuel, including 288 million gallons of cellulosic biofuel, a slight increase from earlier proposals. The 2019 biodiesel amount is set for 2.1 billion gallons. American Coalition for Ethanol CEO Brian Jennings says, "ACE members are very pleased" that EPA set the RVO for ethanol at the statutory level of 15-billion gallons, as other industry groups applauded the announcement. However, the National Biodiesel Board noted that the EPA recommended only 4.29 billion gallons of advanced biofuels and 2.1 billion gallons of biomass-based diesel, a reduction and a flatline, respectively, from last year. Doug Whitehead of the National Biodiesel Board says: "EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt has disappointed the biodiesel industry for failing to respond to our repeated calls for growth."