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Co-ops Support California Federal Milk Marketing Order

The three largest milk marketing cooperatives in California have voted in support of the California Federal Milk Marketing Order as proposed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. California Dairies, Inc., Dairy Farmers of America and Land O'Lakes, Inc., announced their shared support of the proposal this week. In a joint statement, the three cooperatives said they "believe the proposal will better address disparities between farm gate prices in California and the rest of the nation." After USDA's release of the final decision on March 30th, the three cooperatives held educational sessions for their member-owners to provide an overview of the final decision and discuss their voting preferences. Each of the cooperatives then participated in bloc voting, meaning a single affirmative vote from each cooperative represents the voting cooperative's total membership in the state. USDA will officially announce the results of the referendum in the coming weeks. If the results support approval of the proposal, the new system is expected to be in place by November 1, 2018.

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From Headquarters

CCA Sponsored Cattle Council Bill Advances in California Senate

This morning, the Senate Appropriations Committee voted to advance SB 965 (McGuire) to the Senate floor. This action follows a unanimous vote given by the Senate Agriculture Committee on April 3rd. As a follow up to last year's AB 243 (Cooper), SB 965 would establish a process by which California cattle and dairy producers can vote to approve or reject the formation of the California Cattle Council and an additional \$1.00 per head assessment collected at the point of sale. Under the legislation, the Cattle Council would be authorized to spend funds on the promotion of and research pertaining to cattle production. The California Beef Council plays an important role by promoting beef, however it lacks the authority to spend money on issues related to live cattle production. Passage of SB 965 would only result in a vote of California's cattle producers, not the formation of a Cattle Council or establishing a new fee. **The bill also ensures that if producers vote to form a Cattle Council, producers not wanting to participate will be eligible for a full refund, without prejudice. Language in the bill also ensures the refund provision cannot be rescinded or restricted by the Department of Food and Agriculture, the governing board of the Cattle Council or a vote of the state's producers. Like the Beef Council, the Cattle Council will be governed by producers and will have the opportunity to serve the interests of ranchers statewide.**

BLM Accepting Public Input on Greater Sage Grouse Resource Management Plan

On Friday, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) released a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Nevada and Northeastern California Greater Sage-Grouse Resource Management Plan (RMP) amendment.

BLM has opened a 90-day comment period for the RMP amendment, ending on August 2. The Draft RMP amendment and DEIS can be accessed [here](#) by clicking “Documents and Reports” on the left-hand panel.

CCA previously provided input on the proposed RMP amendment during the scoping phase, submitting scoping comments to the BLM on November 30, 2017. CCA staff will carefully review the RMP amendment and DEIS prior to the August 2 deadline and submit detailed scoping comments on the amendment.

Meanwhile, CCA members are encouraged to review the RMP amendment and to share any comments or concerns with CCA staff, and to submit individual comments to BLM prior to August 2.

Registration Now Open for CCA Midyear Meeting

Mark your calendar and pack your bags for the 2018 CCA Midyear Meeting. Get ready to explore a new location this year, at the Win-River Casino in Redding, California as you take in everything the meeting has to offer!

This year’s event includes a Wednesday kick-off dinner and dance, featuring a live auction, prime rib dinner, full, hosted bar, dancing and music by the one and only, Buck Ford! Thursday it’s down to business, including a full breakfast and policy meetings, featuring guest speakers and updates on important industry topics.

Can't attend the entire Midyear Meeting but don't want to miss the dinner dance? Tickets to the dance are included with your midyear registration and can also be purchased individually for \$75.

Click [here](#) to register now!

For room reservations, contact the Win River Casino at (530) 243-3377. Mention the California Cattlemen's Association Midyear Meeting for a group room discount!

USDA Seeks Nominations to Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board

Interested in getting more involved or know someone who you think should?

The USDA is seeking nominees for 3 vacant positions in the Southwest Region (CA,NV) of the Cattlemen’s Beef Promotion and Research Board and CCA needs your nomination suggestions.

The board is comprised of 99 members and exists to provide a framework for the industry to pool resources, combine efforts to develop new markets, strengthen existing markets and conduct research and promotion activities.

The deadline for nominations is June 8, and any United States beef producer who owns cattle is eligible. Producers must be nominated by a USDA certified producer organization (CCA).

CCA is currently seeking nomination suggestions. If you have any questions or if you or someone you know is interested in serving, please contact Jenna in the CCA office at jenna@calcattlemen.org or 916-444-0845 as soon as possible for details and application information.

CDFA Reminds Producers/Haulers of Official ID Required for Cattle Entering and Moving Within California

Effective *April 1, 2017*, the law requires official identification for the following cattle entering California.

- Female dairy cattle of any age
- Male dairy cattle born after March 11, 2013, including steers
- Sexually intact beef breed male cattle and bison 18 months of age or over
- Sexually intact beef breed female cattle and bison six (6) months of age and over
- Cattle and bison of any age used for rodeo, recreational, show, or exhibition purposes
- Mexico origin cattle regardless of age or sex
- Exceptions [here](#).

Effective *April 1, 2017*, the law requires official identification for the following cattle moving within California.

- Dairy cattle born in California after January 1, 2017, prior to leaving their birth premises
- Dairy cattle on change of ownership
- Non-virgin sexually intact male cattle less than 18 months of age and sexually intact male cattle 18 months of age and over, prior to change of ownership
- Exceptions [here](#).

For more information, visit CDFA's website [here](#). You may also call the main Animal Health Branch office at 916-900-5002 or your local district office (Redding: 530-225-2140; Modesto: 209-491-9350; Tulare: 559-685-3500; Ontario: 909-947-4462) with any questions.

USDA to Immediately Assist Producers for Qualifying Livestock Losses

Earlier this month, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that it will issue \$34 million to help agricultural producers recover from various 2017 natural disasters through the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-raised Fish Program (ELAP), which covers losses not covered by certain other disaster assistance programs. The payments, made available beginning April 9, are part of a broader USDA effort to help producers recover from hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria, as well as wildfires and drought.

ELAP aims to help eligible producers of livestock, honeybees and farm-raised fish with losses due to disease, certain weather events or loss conditions, including wildfires. ELAP assistance is provided for losses not covered by any other disaster assistance programs such as the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) and the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP).

The increased amount of assistance through ELAP was made possible by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, signed into law earlier this year. The Act amended the 2014 farm bill to enable USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) to provide assistance to producers immediately for 2017 losses and without an annual funding cap. It also enables FSA to pay ELAP applications as they are filed for 2018 and subsequent program years.

Producers impacted by natural disasters and diseases in 2018 are encouraged to contact their local USDA service center to apply. Click [here](#) to find your local service center.

Producers with 2017 ELAP claims need to take no action. FSA began paying those claims April 9.

May 31 Irrigated Pasture and Annual Rangeland Management Workshop at Chico State

The complexities associated with rangeland management are increasing due to a growing body of scientific research, an expanding public stakeholder base and evolving government policies. The morning session of this workshop will equip ranchers, land managers, technical resource providers, agency staff and students with scientifically based management practices, resources and networking

to support sustainable livestock grazing enterprises on California's rangelands. The second half of the workshop will focus on California's irrigated pasturelands that account for nearly 500,000 acres across the state and rank third among agricultural water users. The workshop will focus on pasture establishment and management for water scarcity invasive species and nitrogen management to maximize productivity while balancing natural resource objectives.

For more information, click [here](#) or contact Tracy Schohr at 916-716-2643, tksohr@ucanr.edu.

UCCE to Hold Prescribed Fire Workshops

The University of California Cooperative Extension will be hosting two, two-day workshops in May designed for landowners and land managers wanting to gain skills in prescribed fire planning and implementation. University of California Cooperative Extension, CAL FIRE, and air quality staff will cover the nuts and bolts of using prescribed fire on private lands. Click [here](#) for registration information and costs. The registration deadline for both events is May 7.

- Mixed-Conifer Forest focus:
 - May 14 and 15
 - UC Berkeley's Blodgett Research Forest, 4501 Blodgett Forest Road, Georgetown, CA
 - Field trip and fire in mixed-conifer forests
 - For more info, contact Susie Kocher at 530-542-2571 or sdkocher@ucanr.edu
- Rangeland and Oak Woodland focus:
 - May 16 and 17
 - UC Sierra Foothill Research and Extension Center, 8279 Scott Forbes Road, Browns Valley, CA
 - Field trip and prescribed fire in oak woodlands and rangelands
 - For more info, contact Kate Wilkin at 530-822-7515 or kwilkin@ucanr.edu

Workshop topics include:

- Local fire history
- Using prescribed fire to manage California rangelands and forests
- Options for burning on private lands

- Prescribed fire permitting and legal considerations
- Air quality and smoke management Fire weather: forecasting and online tools
- Fire terms and fire behavior
- Burn planning: developing a prescription, environmental considerations
- Burn unit preparation: techniques, firebreaks, equipment
- Tools and equipment for the day of burn
- Mop up and patrol

And a prescribed fire training burn and/or field tour on the second day (weather permitting)!

2018 UC Davis Beef Field Day Scheduled for May 17

The Field Day will feature presentations and demonstrations of fence system design and installation, use of cattle to manage native grasslands, mineral supplementation for California beef cattle and more.

There will also be a UC commercial bred heifer sale of a select number of UC Davis Animal Science born and bred commercial replacement heifers. Females will be confirmed pregnant with most having fetal calf sex identified. The Angus/Hereford cross heifers will be available for inspection with detailed information on sires used and due dates.

There is no cost for registration or attendance, all expenses are covered by the sponsors.

For more information, contact Dr. Jim Oltjen at jwoltjen@ucdavis.edu

~~Last chance to register for the 2018 CA/AZ Cattle Feeders Meeting~~
 Don't forget to register for the CA/AZ Cattle Feeders Meeting at the Marriott Marquis, San Diego, May 23-25. Registration includes two breakfasts, lunch, refreshments throughout the event and an exclusive dinner aboard the USS Midway aircraft carrier.

Registration is just \$300. Click [here](#) to register now!

Industry News

Mr. Kester Goes to Washington *Lancaster Farming* "The most important thing any farmer can do, Kester said, is remain engaged. A farmer can join a trade association and get involved on a local level to tackle issues important to the farm. The first step is to become a member. The next could take them on the journey of a lifetime." To continue reading, click [here](#).

Finally, some common-sense moves on California's wildfires *The Sacramento Bee* "Congress finally fixed a major flaw in federal funding that took money away from crucial wildfire prevention programs. The sweeping budget deal that President Donald Trump signed last week sets aside \$2 billion a year for battling wildfires, treating them more like the natural disasters that they are, just like hurricanes." To continue reading, click [here](#).

PLC's Ethan Lane Talks Feral Horses and

Sage Grouse *LaneCast* Ethan Lane with the Public Lands Council talks about issues impacting public lands ranchers. Sage Grouse Management Plans, managing feral horses and the problem of the American Prairie Reserve wanting to change BLM grazing allotments and much more. To continue reading, click [here](#).

CattleFax Update May 4, 2018

Fed cattle trade in the South was established at \$126 this week, \$2 higher compared to last week. Fed cattle trade in the North was moderate with the majority of trade at \$125 to \$126, fully steady with last week. Dressed trade in the North was established at \$195 to \$200, steady to \$2 higher compared to last week. Remaining cattle on the showlist are priced higher. Boxed beef moved higher this week, yet buyers resisted the higher prices towards the end of the week. Feeder cattle were mostly steady with instances of \$2 to \$3 lower on heavier weights. Calves traded mostly steady to

firm, softer prices noted in some regions. Market cows were mixed by region, but mostly steady on the week. Corn moved 10 cents higher this week.

Upcoming Events

CA/AZ Cattle Feeders Meeting 5/23-5/25/2018

San Diego, CA

CCA Midyear Meeting 6/20-6/22/2018

Redding, CA