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Livestock Groups Petition for DOT Hours of Service Flexibility

Livestock organizations this week sent a petition to the Department of Transportation requesting additional flexibility on Hours of Service requirements. The petition asks for a five-year exemption from certain Hours of Service requirements for livestock haulers and encourages the Department of Transportation to work with the livestock industry to implement additional fatigue-management practices. Current rules limit drive time to 11 hours and limit on-duty hours to 14. Instead, the organizations request that livestock haulers be granted approval to drive up to 15 hours with a 16-hour on-duty period, following a 10-hour consecutive rest period. The petition states the current requirements "place the well-being of livestock at risk during transport and impose significant burdens on livestock haulers." The petition was signed by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, Livestock Marketing Association, American Farm Bureau Federation, American Beekeeping Federation, American Honey Producers Association, and the National Aquaculture Association.

[Wildfire Risks Growing in California](#)

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Wind and warmth are combining to raise the risk of major wildfires in California.

Brad Rippey, USDA meteorologist, saying it's not just the southern part of California that is at risk of an explosion of wildfires.

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This Week in Sacramento (and Beyond)
CA State Legislature in Recess

From Headquarters

NCBA Files Petition to Department of Transportation on Hours of Service for Livestock Haulers

NCBA, along with the American Farm Bureau Federation, Livestock Marketing Association, American Beekeeping Federation, American Honey Producers Association and the National Aquaculture Association, submitted a petition today, requesting an exemption for livestock haulers from the current hours of service regulations. Instead of the current 11 hour drive, 14 hour on duty and 10 hour rest hours of service (HOS), petitioners are asking for a 15 hour drive, 16 hour on duty and 10 hour rest schedule. To qualify for this adjusted drive time, haulers would participate in pre-trip planning and fatigue management training. Only haulers with a rating greater than "unsatisfactory" would qualify.

With current HOS regulations not adequately meeting the unique needs of those hauling live animals, the hope is that a more flexible schedule can be agreed upon while still effectively managing fatigue.

CCA will continue to update throughout the petition process. For any questions, contact Justin Oldfield in the CCA office

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- here . Contact Theresa Becchetti at tabecchetti@ucanr.edu for more information
- October 23, 8:00-11:30am at the Kern County UCCE Office, 1031 S. Mt. Vernon in Bakersfield. Online registration available [here](#). Contact Julie Finzel at jafinzel@ucanr.edu for more information
 - October 23, 2:30-6:00pm at the UCCE Kearney Agricultural Center, 9240 South Riverbend Avenue in Parlier. Online registration available [here](#). Contact Rebecca Ozeran at rkozeran@ucanr.edu for more information
 - October 24, 8:30am-noon at the Salinas Valley Fairgrounds Orradre Building, 625 Division St. in King City. Online registration available [here](#). Contact Devii Rao at drorao@ucanr.edu for more information
- Registration for these events is \$25 up to one week prior to the course, or \$30 at the door.

Additionally, UCCE has announced that it will host an AB 589 course on December 3 in Merced from 1:00-4:30pm. Registration will open next month. For more information on that course, contact Scott Stoddard at csstoddard@ucanr.edu.

During these workshops, participants will learn:

- How to clarify reporting requirements for ranches
- Understand what meters are appropriate for different situations
 - How to determine measurement equipment accuracy
 - To develop an understanding of measurement weirs
 - How to calculate and report volume from flow data

For more information on these courses, diverters are encouraged to click [here](#).

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If you are outside the geographic areas currently served by AB 589 courses and are interested in a future AB 589 class in your area, contact your local UCCE office or speak with Kirk Wilbur in the CCA office. If you have any questions about SB 88 or upcoming AB 589 courses, please do not hesitate to contact the CCA office.

Registration Now Open for Food, Fiber and Farms of the Future Tour

Join the Jefferson Center for Holistic Management, Fibershed, Stemple Creek Ranch and others in Marin County on October 18 to learn more about carbon farming in California.

What is carbon farming? How do you transition to this kind of farming? Join this tour and talk about carbon farming and regenerative agriculture to find out!

Online registration and further information can be found [here](#). A producer discount is available.

Industry News

American farmers, the unsung environmentalists *Washington*

Times "A paper published in Nature Sustainability describes why using less land to produce more food is environmentally friendly while allowing more land to be preserved for natural growth." To continue reading, click [here](#).

CattleFax Update for October 12, 2018

Fed Cattle – Trade was established this week at \$111 in the South and \$110 to \$111 in the North, both steady with last week. Dressed trade was at

\$173 to \$174, also steady compared to last week. The fed market has traded near steady for the past five weeks in a row.

Boxed Beef – Traded steady to softer for the week as large supplies continue to limit prices.

Feeder Cattle – Traded mostly \$2 to \$6 lower this week, with light volumes of yearlings noted.

Calves – Trade was mixed throughout the week, but were mostly steady to \$6 lower. Prices and movement in the Southeast were dampened by the hurricane and wet conditions in the Southern Plains.

Market Cows – Traded steady to \$6 lower. Seasonally increasing numbers are expected over the next 60 days.

Corn – Ended the week 5 cents higher.

Upcoming Events

CCA & CCW Annual Convention, Nov. 28-30, 2018

Nugget Casino Resort, Sparks, Nevada

[Registration and Hotel Information](#)

[Trade Show Exhibitor Information](#)