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Senate Committee to Hold Oversight Hearing on Williamson Act

The Senate Committee on Local Government, Chaired by Sen. Dave Cox (R-Fair Oaks), is holding a legislative oversight hearing on March 3 entitled, “The Williamson Act: Past, Present and Future?”

Legislative staff has contacted CCA to participate in a discussion on the importance of Williamson Act contracts, as a tool to keep land in ranching. CCA Treasurer Jack Hanson will be providing testimony on behalf of ranchers with land in the Williamson Act, as well as his beneficial perspective as a County Supervisor.

The hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the State Capitol in room 112 following the committee’s regular order of business. Should CCA members wish to participate during public comment, but may not be able to attend, please send your testimony to CCA at 1221 H Street, Sacramento, California 95814, and staff will forward your comments to the committee. Please contact Dawn Clover at dawn@calcattlemen.org with further questions.

Senator Wolk Introduces CCA Sponsored Legislation

Sen. Lois Wolk (D-Davis) has introduced Senate Bill 1303, which extends indefinitely the provision of the California Endangered Species Act whereby ranchers and farmers may engage in routine and ongoing agricultural practices without fear of penalties if they accidentally take a species listed as candidate, threatened or endangered. This provision of law has been in place since 1997 and is a critical component in incentivizing landowners to allow habitat enhancement on their property. This legislation is sponsored by CCA and the California Farm Bureau Federation. Please contact Dawn Clover at dawn@calcattlemen.org with questions or concerns.

On-Road Diesel Truck Rule Information from CCA

Producers wanting to take advantage of the special agriculture provisions CCA worked to enact in the On-Road Diesel Truck Rule must report to the California Air Resources Board by March 31, 2010.

A fact sheet on the agricultural provisions of the rule as well as the reporting form can be downloaded from the CCA Web site, www.calcattlemen.org, under the "Current Issues Update" section. For more information on the truck rule, contact Justin Oldfield in the CCA office at (916) 444-0845 or e-mail justin@calcattlemen.org.

ARB Holds Truck Rule Workshops Throughout California

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) has scheduled a series of workshops throughout the state to better educated truck owners and operators about the statewide Truck and Bus Regulation. The workshops will focus on registering farm and ranch trucks under the CCA supported agricultural provisions and educate others on the various compliance options of the rule should truckers be ineligible to participate in the ag program.

CCA has proposed additional dates and locations to ensure all producers have the opportunity to attend workshops including sites on the Central Coast, Northern California and the Imperial Valley. Sites that are currently scheduled are:

Wed., Feb. 24, 1:30 to 4 p.m. & 5 to 7:30 p.m.	Air Resources Board, El Monte
Thurs., Feb. 25, 1:30 to 4 p.m. & 5 to 7:30pm	San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (APCD), Fresno
Monday, March 1, 1 to 4:30 p.m.	Calaveras County Library, San Andreas
Tuesday, March 2, 9 a.m. to noon & 5 to 7:30 p.m.	Air Resources Board, Sacramento
Thursday, March 4, 8 to 10:30 a.m.	California Tower, Riverside
Monday, March 8, 1:30 to 4:00	Monterey Bay APCD,

p.m.	Monterey
Tuesday, March 16, 1 to 3 p.m.	Holiday Inn, La Mesa
Thursday, March 18, 9 a.m. to noon & 5 to 7:30 p.m.	Air Resources Board, Sacramento
Monday, March 22, 1:30 to 4 p.m.	Yuba County Government Center, Marysville
Wednesday, March 24, 1:30 to 4 p.m.	Ventura County APCD, Ventura

32nd Annual CCA Steak and Eggs Legislative Breakfast set for March 23

CCA's annual Steak and Eggs Legislative Breakfast will be held March 23 at the Sutter Club in Sacramento at 6:45 a.m. This unique event offers you the opportunity to interact one-on-one with your elected leaders as well as hear from a slate of speakers about what your government officials and CCA are doing for you.

Following the breakfast, CCA staff will coordinate legislative office visits where you can personally meet with politicians from your area to share the importance of looking out for beef producers. Ag Day at the Capitol is also held on March 23, so you may also visit California commodity groups on the lawn of the capitol building to celebrate agriculture.

In addition, there will be a PAC-200 dinner held at Chops Steakhouse on March 22, the night prior to the breakfast. For information on becoming a PAC-200 member, to RSVP for the dinner or breakfast or to sign up for legislative visits, contact Chaley Paulson in the CCA office at (916) 444-0845 or by e-mail at chaley@calcattlemen.org.

Artificial Insemination Clinic to be Held at UC Davis

The Young Cattlemen's Association at the University of California, Davis, is hosting a bovine artificial insemination clinic on March 25, 26 and 27 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The 3-day course will be offered on the Davis campus and will include classroom instruction as well as practice with cows.

The cost is \$325 per person with all fees due in early March. The class will be taught by Michael Lane, DVM along with two resident veterinarians from the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. All participants will be given a certificate of completion from UC Davis; however, it is not an official certification course such as those offered by AI corporations.

The group is taking sign-ups now and the class usually fills up quickly. Please contact Kristy Perano by e-mail at kmperano@ucdavis.edu as soon as possible if you are interested in the class.

Attention Young Cattlemen: CCA Scholarship Applications are Now Available

Scholarship applications are now available on the CCA Web site, www.calcattlemen.org. Each year, CCA affiliates give nearly \$20,000 in scholarships to California's future beef producers.

Undergraduates, master's degree students or veterinarian students attending or enrolled in a junior college, four-year college or university with current membership standing at CCA may apply. To be considered, students must have graduated from a California high school or are attending college in California must have at least a 2.75 GPA.

If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, applications are due May 24. For more information, contact Megan Huber in the CCA office at (916) 444-0845 or megan@calcattlemen.org.

Cattle Fax Weekly Market Highlight February 26, 2010

The fed cattle market was mostly steady this week as cattle in the North sold primarily for \$144 to \$145 dressed and \$90 to \$91 live. In the South, sales were collected at \$92.00. Trade volumes were light in Texas, moderate to active elsewhere. Boxed beef prices were sharply higher on the week with volumes remaining on the light side. Trimmings in particular continue to fare very well. Feeder cattle values were mostly steady to \$1.00 higher, calves steady to \$2.00 better. Slaughter cows were steady at best for the week. Demand is good for all classes, especially lighter cattle suitable for grazing. Movement in some areas is being restricted due to wet pasture conditions. Corn values were modestly higher for the week reflecting advances in some of the outside markets.

Help Your Business and Your Industry by Joining CCA Today

Do you like what you see here? Are you interested in participating in these important efforts and receiving additional publications about California's beef cattle industry? If you're not yet a member, you can lend your support by joining the California Cattlemen's Association (CCA) today. CCA is the only membership organization in California dedicated solely to looking out for the interests of ranching families and California's cattle industry.

CCA staff and officers work every day to ensure that our members have a known voice in Sacramento and in Washington, D.C. CCA defends your private property rights; works towards preserving private and public rangeland; protects the health of California's cattle herd; and provides scholarships to help the next generation of ranchers remain in the industry.

Joining this critical effort is simple for cattle producers, landowners and supporters of the industry. Call Stevie in the CCA office at (916) 444-0845 or email requests for membership information to stevie@calcattlemen.org.

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