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This week has been a busy one at the California Cattlemen’s Association as nearly 100 members made their way to Sacramento from all areas of the state. These members attended CCA events to learn more about the issues facing their organization as well as to work with their public officials and share with them the importance of cattle production to California as well as work together to create a more favorable regulatory environment for producers to continue their way of life for future generations.

Monday, local officers and CCA committee leaders met at the CCA office to learn more about CCA from officers and staff. Monday evening was an opportunity for Cattle PAC-200 members and committee members to discuss the goals of the Cattle PAC as well as sit down to an enjoyable dinner and mingle with numerous legislators, including keynote speaker, Assembly Republican Speaker Martin Garrick (R-Solana Beach).

On Tuesday, CCA held its 32nd annual Steak and Eggs Legislative Breakfast where members and California beef production were shown support by many state and federal agencies as well more than 30 California Senators and Assembly Members. Attendees

also had the opportunity to meet in the offices of their local legislators to discuss issues important to them.

Following the legislative visits, CCA members joined their fellow ranchers and farmers on the lawn of the State Capitol for Ag Day to celebrate the more than 300 commodities that are grown in California. It was there that the California CattleWomen served nearly 300 lbs. of Tri-tip sandwiches to hungry and appreciative Ag Day visitors, including Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger who was captured on camera by the KCRA Channel 3 News Team sharing the importance of eating beef. To read more about this exciting slate of events, look for an upcoming article in the May edition of the *California Cattleman Magazine*.

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Last Chance to Take Advantage of Special Ag Diesel Truck Provisions & “AG” Truck Labels Now Available 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.

CCA also has 400 labels available for members registering agricultural trucks with the Air Resources Board. Two labels are required per truck with one label to be affixed to each door. Labels will be distributed on a first come first serve basis. Please call the CCA office if you would like truck labels and indicate how many trucks you’ve registered in the agricultural program. Trucks registered in the agricultural provisions must be labeled by April 30, 2010.

For more information on the truck rule, contact Justin Oldfield in the CCA office at (916) 444-0845 or e-mail justin@calcattlemen.org.

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CCA Opposes National Monument Listing

Earlier this week, CCA sent a letter to the California Congressional delegation voicing opposition to the listing of 13 million acres throughout the West as National Monuments under the Antiquities Act. A recent internal Department of the Interior memo leaked to the press indicated the Obama Administration would potentially pursue the listing of 13 million acres of land in 11 different states as new National Monuments or would add land to existing Monuments.

Four sites in California have been identified as potential Monuments, including the 1) Modoc Plateau, 2) Berryessa Snow Mountains, 3) Bodie Hills and 4) expand the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument.

The Antiquities Act passed by Congress in 1906 allows the President, without Congressional consent, to designate lands as National Monuments thereby restricting traditional land uses. Since 1906, the Act has been restricted to require Congressional consent for listings in Wyoming. Since the memo was leaked, legislation has been introduced that would require Congressional consent for listing land in Arizona, Montana, Nevada, Utah and California.

Congressman Wally Herger (CA-2) has introduced HR 4703 along with Representatives McClintock (CA-4), McKeon (CA-25), Gallegly (CA-24), Hunter (CA-52), Rohrabacher (CA-46), Campbell (CA-48) and Lungren (CA-3), which if passed, would require explicit Congressional consent in order to designate additional lands in California as National Monuments.

CCA will keep members informed as this issue is debated in the future. For more information, contact Justin Oldfield in the CCA office at (916) 444-0845 or email justin@calcattlemen.org.

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Condor Feeding Area Legislation Passes First Committee

Assembly Bill 1956, authored by Assembly Member Bill Monning (D-Santa Cruz), gained passage out of the Assembly Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife on Tuesday.

This bill authorizes the California Department of Fish and Game to establish condor feeding areas, namely in and around rangeland in Central California. The bill will next be heard in the Assembly Committee on Appropriations. Contact Dawn at dawn@calcattlemen.org should you have any questions about this legislation.

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Tehama County Cattlemen's Association Spring Field Day Set for March 27

The Annual Tehama County Cattlemen's Association Spring Field Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 27 at the Foor Ranch in Vina. This year's festivities include a stock dog trial, stockman's challenge, three-man calf branding and the Herman Daugherty Memorial Working Cow Horse Competition.

Registration for the events will begin at 9 a.m., with the stock dog trial to start at 9:30. Entry fees for the stock dog event are \$50 per contestant, with other contests being \$25 per entry. Belt buckles will be awarded to the winners of these events, with a \$1,000 award given to the winner of the stockhorse division. Contestants by be members of CCA to compete.

Lunch at the event will be provided by Vic Woolery of Vic's Branding Iron in Cottonwood. Lunch tickets are \$15 for New York Steak and \$10 for hamburgers. More information on this event can be found by [clicking here](#).

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Beef Cattle Workshop Slated for April 10 at UC Davis

A one-day producer education workshop designed for both purebred and commercial beef producers will be held on April 10 at the University of California, Davis, Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

Many important but sometimes overlooked practices on genetic selection, cross-breeding, herd health and marketing will be covered including:

- Basic herd management practices and decisions that really work
- Maximizing heterosis with proper cross-breeding
- Fundamentals of niche marketing and rancher experiences
- Herd health practices to increase weaning percentage
- Hands-on demonstration – Assessing animal health
- Hands-on demonstration – Handling calving problems

Speakers will include Nancy Martin, DVM; John Maas, DVM; Jim Reynolds, DVM and UC Extension Specialist Glen Nader. Spanish Translation will be made available for all sections of the workshop.

The workshop is sponsored by the Napa-Solano Cattlemen's Association, Yolo Cattlemen & Woolgrowers Association, UCD Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, the presentations will be coordinated by UC Cooperative Extension, East Meets West Veterinary Services, and Cherry Glen Beefmasters. The workshop will begin at 8:30 a.m. and run to 3:30 pm.

Pre-registration is \$20 per person through March 26. Registrations after March 26 and registrations at the door will be \$25 per person. Student registrations, with ID, are \$10 per person. Lunch is included in registration fee. Registration is also [available online](#) (look under "Calendar"), or contact Morgan Doran, UCCE Livestock Advisor at (707) 784-1326, mpdoran@udcavis.edu.

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Cattle Fax Weekly Market Highlight March 26, 2010

The fed cattle market traded steady to \$2 lower this week compared to last. The North traded primarily at \$152 to \$153 while the South traded from \$96 to \$97. Boxed beef prices were substantially higher on the week with volumes remaining on the light side. Feeder cattle values were \$1 to \$3 higher and calves were \$1 to \$3 higher. Slaughter

cows were \$1 to \$2 higher. Demand remains strong for all classes of cattle. Corn values were sharply lower on the week.

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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**](mailto:stevie@calcattlemen.org).

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