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Over the past few weeks, CCA has included information in *Legislative Bulletin* to keep members abreast of developments regarding the USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) rule.

Today, CCA members and officers attended the nationally-anticipated livestock competition workshop at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo., to hear statements on the topic from the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Attorney General as well as input from producers and livestock organizations from around the country. Input from today's session will be made part of the official record as the GIPSA rule develops.

As many producers are aware, this rule proposes several new sections to the regulations under the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921 that would impact the marketing of live cattle. CCA continues to have serious concerns with efforts to increase government intrusion in the marketplace that would impact transactions between willing buyers and sellers and supports allowing adequate time for the industry to review details of the proposal. CCA will continue to provide updates as the issue continues to evolve.

The official comment period on the GIPSA rule will remain open until Nov. 22, 2010. For more information, visit: <http://www.gipsa.usda.gov>. Comments on the rule may be submitted via e-mail to comments.gipsa@usda.gov; hard copy via mail, hand delivery,

or courier to Tess Butler, GIPSA, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 1643–S, Washington, DC 20250–3604; fax to (202) 690–2173; or via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

CCA Officers and Staff Travel State to Hear your Concerns

With fall nearly here, your CCA officers and staff have once again kicked off the CCA Fall Tour, where they will be attending local association meetings statewide to share with producers the latest news on legislative and regulatory issues as well as hear from you about issues impacting you locally. Don't miss this chance to become educated on the topics impacting your way of life and speak out about the things on your mind.

The following are is a list of meetings where officers and staff will be in attendance over the next few weeks:

Aug. 29 – the Modoc, Lassen and Fall River/Big Valley Cattlemen and CattleWomen's Tri-County Ranch Day, Alturas

Sept. 4 – Fall River/Big Valley Cattlemen's Meeting, McArthur

Sept. 8 – Napa/Solano Cattlemen's Meeting, Dixon

Sept. 9 – Mendocino/Lake Cattlemen's Meeting, Ukiah

Sept. 10 – Sonoma/Marin Cattlemen's Meeting, Sebastapol

Sept. 11 – Humboldt/Del Norte Cattlemen's Meeting, Fortuna

For specific times or locations on any of these meetings, contact Kaitlin Duni in the CCA office at (916) 444-0845 or by e-mail at Kaitlin@calcattlemen.org.

CCA Welcomes Kaitlin Duni to Staff

This Wednesday, CCA welcomed a new staff member, Kaitlin Duni, to the team to fill the role of Administrative Assistant.

Kaitlin grew up on a family agricultural operation in the Los Banos area and is a recent graduate who earned a degree in Agricultural Business from California State University, Chico, earlier this year.

Kaitlin's prior work experience includes working summers at the family's hay company in Los Banos and managing student work teams at the Chico Students' Union. She brings a strong passion for agriculture and a positive attitude to her position.

Kaitlin takes over the position funded by CCA, the California Wool Growers Association and the California Pork Producers Association that was previously held by Annie Maddalena who has returned to school to pursue her teaching credential.

Kaitlin is most likely the voice that you'll hear when you call or visit the CCA office so be sure to welcome her to the CCA team. She can be contacted at (916) 444-0845 or at kaitlin@calcattlemen.org.

2010 CCA/CCW Photo Contest Entry Form Available

The complete rule and entry information for the 2010 CCA/CCW Photo Contest is now available on the CCA Web site, www.calcattlemen.org. Once again, CCA and Cornerpost Publications are offering a \$500 Grand Prize for the People's Choice Award in addition to prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each category.

The categories are: Animals and Wildlife; Rural Life; People: California Landscapes; and "Beef. It's What's for Dinner," which is sponsored by the California Beef Council. Category winning-photos will also be published in the December 2010 issue of the *California Cattleman* magazine.

The entry deadline is Nov. 1. For more information, contact Stevie Ipsen in the CCA office at (916) 444-0845 or by e-mail at stevie@calcattlemen.org.

It's Never too Early to Book your Hotel Room for the CCA/CCW Convention!

The 2010 CCA/CCW Convention and Tradeshow is just around the corner! This year's convention and tradeshow will be held Nov. 17-19 at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks, Nev. The meeting will feature policy, production and profitability and promises to be filled with education, entertainment and much more to keep you on the tip of your game!

Hotel reservations can be made now by calling John Ascuaga's Nugget at 1-800-648-1177 and by requesting the California Cattlemen's Association room block, you will receive the reduced rate of \$70/night for the West Tower or \$80/night for the East Tower. Complete convention registration materials and a schedule will be available soon.

Sponsorship opportunities and exhibitor spaces will go fast, so be sure to secure yours! The exhibitor packet and sponsorship opportunities can be found on our Web site at www.calcattlemen.org. For more information about the convention and tradeshow contact Chaley Paulson at (916) 444-0845 or by e-mail at chaley@calcattlemen.org.

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The fed cattle market was steady to weak, with prices in the South primarily at \$99.50, while the North traded at \$154 to \$155 dressed and \$99 to \$99.50 live. Trade volumes were adequate and the cattle feeding industry remains very current. The boxed beef market was quoted higher in conjunction with the cattle market, although movement slowed late in the week as the last of the Labor Day business was completed. Feeder cattle values were steady to \$2 higher for the week while calves closed the week \$2 to \$4 higher in many regions. Slaughter cow prices were quoted mainly \$2 lower. Demand remains good for all classes of replacement cattle as the fall run on yearlings is slowly getting cranked up. Corn prices started the week lower but staged a late week comeback to close about steady.

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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