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Registration information is currently available for the 2009 CCA/CCW Convention, which will be held Nov. 11-13, at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks, Nev.

A complete registration packet will soon be arriving in your mailbox, but you can register now by either printing off the [registration form](#) and mailing or faxing it to the CCA

office or by registering electronically through CCA's merchandise Web site, www.store.calcattlemen.org.

Should you have any questions about registration, please contact Chaley Paulson in the CCA office at (916) 444-0845 or chaley@calcattlemen.org.

Senate Releases Climate Change Bill

Earlier this week, Senators Barbara Boxer (D-CA) and John Kerry (D-MA) introduced legislation in the Senate to compliment efforts already undertaken in the House to require new mandates for clean energy production and dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Like the House legislation authored by Congressmen Henry Waxman (D-CA) and Edward Markey (D-MA), this new bill will require a large cut in U.S. greenhouse gas emissions by the year 2020, additional cuts by 2050 and put in place a controversial "cap and trade" program that will allow the generation of carbon credits from carbon sequestration projects and additional reductions below a mandated threshold to be sold into a created marketplace.

CCA and NCBA have worked hard to ensure emissions from agricultural sources, including livestock operations, are not subject to a cap and can participate in generating credits for a cap and trade system that would provide financial incentives to voluntary participants. However, CCA and NCBA are still very concerned about indirect impacts to livestock production namely an increase in input costs. CCA will continue to work with NCBA and California's congressional delegation as this legislation progresses through the Senate.

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

CWT Announces Third Round in Dairy Cow Retirement Program

Cooperatives Working Together unexpectedly announced this week it would embark on yet another dairy herd retirement program this year. Bids for the latest retirement program will be accepted until Oct. 15, and will likely see the majority of these dairy cows come to market in November and early December. This round is expected to retire a maximum of 70,000 to 80,000 head.

While only two rounds of dairy cow retirement buyouts were expected this year, CCA will keep members apprised of any additional news surrounding this issue. As with previous rounds of the retirement program, CCA suggests you contact your local livestock market to inquire about the status of the dairy cows being sent to slaughter in your area before sending your cattle to market.

Attention Young Cattlemen: CCA Now Accepting Applications for Convention Interns

For any members of CCA's Young Cattlemen's Committee interested in getting involved, networking with members of CCA and the California CattleWomen, Inc., as well as meet other young cattlemen throughout California, CCA is currently taking applications for interns at convention.

Serving as an intern for the convention is a great way to serve those involved in the ranching industry as well as learn more about the organization for yourself. This year's convention supplies additional opportunities to network, as the convention is held in conjunction with Nevada Cattlemen and CattleWomen. The 93rd annual CCA/CCW Convention will be held Nov. 11-13, at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks, Nev.

Intern applications are available on the homepage at www.calcattlemen.org and are due to the CCA office on or before Oct. 21, 2009. For more information, contact Megan Huber in the CCA office at (916) 444-0845 or megan@cattlemen.org.

CCA and PLC Keep Horse Language Out of Senate Legislation

CCA and PLC were successful this week in defeating a last minute attempt to insert legislation in the FY2010 Interior Appropriates bill that would have created horse sanctuaries throughout the West as habitat for wild horses and burros.

CCA and PLC adamantly oppose any change in access to federal lands that would alter the multiple use mission currently mandated in law. Similar legislation was authored and passed in the House to create wild horse sanctuaries on federal lands throughout the West even under strong opposition by CCA, PLC and other stakeholders who depend on the use of our nation's public lands.

Fundraiser to Benefit Young Cattlemen's Committee to be Held Oct. 24

The annual dinner fundraiser for California's Young Cattlemen's Committee will be held Oct. 24, at 6 p.m. in the University of California, Fresno State Ag Pavilion. In addition to a great meal, a weight guessing contest, a silent auction and dessert auction will be held at the event to raise money to help future producers attend lobbying trips to Sacramento and Washington, D.C., as well as other educational activities.

For more information, contact Megan Huber in the CCA office at (916) 444-0845 or YCC Chair Brie Witt at (209) 327-7546.

Enter Your Photos in the CCA/CCW Photo Contest!

Have you taken a photo you are particularly proud of? By entering your photos in the CCA/CCW photo contest, you have the chance to win \$500 as well as numerous other prizes. Pictures may compete in the categories of People, Rural Life, California Landscapes, Animals and Wildlife and a new category, "Beef. Its what's for Dinner," sponsored by the California Beef Council. Ideas for photos in the new category are endless. From cattle in a field and children eating hamburgers at a picnic to photographing a beef entrée, the imagination is really the limit!

For more information, including rules and entry forms for the contest, visit www.calcattlemen.org or contact Stevie Ipsen in the CCA office at (916) 444-0845 or stevie@calcattlemen.org.

Grazing Management Workshop to be Held in Carmel Valley

The California Native Grasslands Association is hosting its third workshop on, Developing a Sustainable Grazing Plan to Manage Native Grasslands. This workshop focuses on how to plan and implement a successful sustainable grazing program and has been attended by ranchers, state and federal land managers, nature preserve managers and many others.

This workshop is scheduled for Oct. 14-16 in the Carmel Valley. For more information or to register please visit www.cnga.org.

Cattle Fax Weekly Market Highlight October 2, 2009

The fed cattle market was \$1 to \$2 lower this week in a light to moderate trade. In the North, sales were recorded primarily at \$81 to \$82 live and \$126 to \$128 dressed. For the South, the bulk of the trade occurred at \$83. Boxed beef prices continued to deteriorate this week as ample supplies were met by sluggish demand. Trimmings in particular have been under pressure. Feeder cattle values were \$1 lower, while calves were steady to \$2 lower. Slaughter cows lost \$1 to \$2. The yearling run is drawing to a close while the calf run is just getting ramped up. Another dairy cow buy-out was announced this week, but those cows won't hit the market in the near future. Corn prices traded in a sideways to weaker fashion this week as the trade continues to see a large crop on the way.

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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