California Cotton Ginners & Growers Association

2021 Annual Meeting

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• Proposed Program Fee Proposal
  – ILRP has a proposed increase of 7.8%
  – All programs under SWB oversight set to increase

• Salt Control Program Approved by EPA
  – Will be incorporated into ILRP
  – Growers with Individual WDR’s will be affected the most; coalition participants have already been meeting requirement
Advanced Clean Truck Regulation

- Manufacturer Requirement to deploy ZEV’s
- Focusing on businesses with $50 million in sales
  - Also applicable to fleet owners with 50+ vehicles
- CARB is requiring Large Entities subject to the rule to report their fleet through CARB’s Database
  - One time reporting requirement for a company’s fleet
Heavy Duty Vehicle Inspection Maintenance Program (HDVIMP)

• Looking at regular maintenance checks on newer equipment
  – Telematic Reporting – Diagnostics sent straight to CARB
  – Quick Stop Testing
• Fleet reporting requirement
  – Fee required to maintain compliance
• CARB envisions your operations turning away non-compliant trucking companies who are still operating
  – Association testified in opposition to this addition in the regulation
Ag Tractors

• Requirements of SIP
  – 12,500 tractors replaced by 2024
  – GGRF funds will help push date out, other incentive pools
  – Mandatory rule in 2025 if reductions are not met

• As of 2019, Ag had met half of the emission reductions required
  – Need continued funding
Incentive Funding Update

– Governor’s proposed 2021 budget allocates $170 million over 2 years
  • Huge increase from previous years
  • Ag has been encouraged to ask for more funding
  • Air District currently has a waitlist for all incentive project categories, but you should still submit your project application
Incentive Funds

- Cap & Trade Deal
  - Tractors & Harvesters
    - 60% incentives
  - ATVs
    - 75% incentives
  - Trucks
    - 65% incentives
    - Can purchase used truck (<650k mi.)
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FSMA – Animal Feed Rule

- Preventive controls rule
  - Exempt from cGMPs
  - Risk assessment & supply chain program??
    - Only 13% of cotton gins fall into rule
  - Worked w/ Federal Legislators
  - FDA will address it and gins will not be covered! – BUT WHEN???
Night Time Activities

• Main requirements:
  – 10 ft. candles w/in 25 ft.
  – Reflective clothing
  – Traffic pattern daily!

• CalOSHA Hearing in April
  – CCGGA one of only 4 groups to testify in opposition
Water

- Water Blueprint
  - Integrated projects and administrative actions
  - Overcoming 2-3 MAF overdraft per year
  - Association is supportive, engaged and sits on Policy Committee to advance objective
  - Technical Review Phase
Indoor Heat Illness

- Legislation requires Cal/OSHA to draft heat illness and injury prevention standards for indoor worksites
- Several meetings have been held
- Final draft out, still bad
  - Would include gins & farm shops!
  - Association continues to oppose
Workplace Violence Standard

- Proposed Workplace Violence standard for General Industry
  - Plan
  - Procedures
  - Training
  - Reporting
  - Investigating

- CCGGA continues to monitor
COVID-19 Efforts

- Vaccine Events
- Numerous webinars
- Information portal
- Training
- COVID-19 Toolkit
- COVID-19 Plan
- Videos – **on the website!**
  - Masks, Distancing, handwashing
Sticky Cotton Summit

- First Virtual Summit
  - Presentation by UCCE research specialist, USDA ARS, Chemical manufactures
  - Best Practices
  - Prevention
- Research w/ USDA ARS
- Aphid/Whitefly monitoring ongoing
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Pesticide Activities

- Neonics – 2 sets of comments
  - Seed treatments
    - Now fighting legislation to ban treated seed!
  - Mitigation measures
- Transform (sulfoxaflor)
  - Pushing for full registration
- AgriLogic (Aldicarb)
  - Registration under review at CDPR
  - Need five (5) studies
Bumblebee Issue

• Activist petition under CESA
• Pesticides mentioned several times as a factor/threat
• CA Department of Fish & Wildlife to move forward w/ evaluation
• Ag groups have filed petition for writ of mandate, including CCGGA & WAPA
  – UPDATE! Court agrees with us – Petition Granted!
• Attorney General appeals case!
Export Issue

- Lack of containers & chassis
- Ocean cargo carriers delaying/cancelling contracts
- Major Covid impacts on longshoremen
- CCGGA efforts
  - FMC & Department of Commerce
  - Congress, Senate & District Export Councils
General Rate Cases

- **PG&E** –
  - Phase 1 settled = 15% increase by 2023
  - Phase 2 (proposed) = 7% for ag only by 2022 and 13% by 2025 (additional)

- **SCE** – revised proposal = $2.27 billion or 36% by end of 2023
Cotton Seed Bug

- Single find in LA County in 2019
- 5 finds in 2020 in LA, Orange and Riverside Counties
- Severe damage to seed and lint
- Not found in US, but prevalent in Pakistan
- No known pheromone or trap
Property and Stock Insurance

• Premium are rising, if you can get them!
• Consequence of huge insurance industry losses from wildfires
• Working w/ State Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara
  – Possible solutions (FAIR Program)???
Cotton Socks

• "Stand Down" Event for Homeless Veterans
• Supports Senate Pro Tem Toni Atkins
• California Grown & American Made!
• 1,500 pairs delivered in 2020
Association

- Financially solid
- Acreage decreases have hurt
- CCA support
- WAPA contributions on the rise
- Great young staff!
Information

- www.ccgga.org
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