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Industry Calendar

June 22-24
ACSA Meeting
Lake Tahoe,
Truckee NV

July 25-28
Grower Owned
Gins Meeting
Lake Tahoe, NV

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Association Hosts Annual Meeting in Tulare

Last Month, the Association hosted cotton growers, ginners and affiliated industry representatives at the World Ag Expo for the 2022 Annual Meeting. After some quick introductions by Chairman Bryan Bone, attendees could choose to listen in on the grower breakout session, or the ginner breakout session. Updates at the Ginners Breakout session included an update from the current Chairman of the National



Cotton Ginners Association George LaCour, Jr., as well as an update from Dr. Derek Whitelock on the various research projects being conducted by the USDA Ag Research Service Gin Labs as well as an overview of the Gin Cost Survey currently being collected. Attendees of the Growers Session heard an update from Michelle Dennis from CDFA on the Cotton Seed Bug, Dr. Bob Hutmacher then gave an update on Fusarium Research in cotton, the session was wrapped up with a discussion on Carbon Credit Banking in cotton by Nathan Heeringa with Innovative Ag and Dr. Jennifer Wells of TruTerra.

After a short break, attendees heard an economic outlook from National Cotton Council Economics and Policy Analyst Dr. Jody Cam-piche. George Soares of Kahn, Soares & Con-

way followed that presentation with an update on the legislative year, and changes happening in Sacramento. Lastly, Association staff closed out the informational session with regulatory and legislative updates.

Dr. Bob Hutmacher was awarded the Distinguished Service Award, and Bryan Bone passed his Chairmanship on to new Board Chairman Matt Toste. Attendees were able to hear an informative presentation from Luncheon Speaker Victor Davis Hansen who discussed current events like the effects of inflation, national economic outlook, and the impacts of

foreign conflicts on the world market. We would like to thank all of our sponsors for helping us make the event possible, and we would like to thank all that attended.

We hope to see you again next year!



2022 American Pima Grade Standards Guide Box Review and Standards Matching

Wednesday, July 20, 2022

Visalia, CA Classing Office

10:00am

Please join us to review, comment, and approve the six guide boxes of the 2022 American Pima Grade Standards. Once approved, the guide boxes will be used as the reference to match all the 2022 American Pima Grade Standards. The guide box review and the standards matching will both take place the morning of July 20th.

Industry participation is key to this process and we hope you all can come and be a part of this important annual event.

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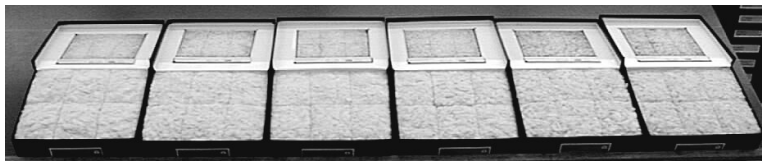
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Insects Can Now be Protected Under the California Endangered Species Act

In somewhat of a surprise ruling, the California Third District Court of Appeal affirmed the California Fish and Game Commission's authority to determine if insects such as four bumblebee species can be protected under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA). This new order reverses a previous trial court decision and opens the flood gates to include many potential insect species under CESA. This process began in 2018 when some public interest groups petitioned the Commission to list four species of bumblebees as endangered. The Commission

accepted the petition and began the process to list the 4 species as candidate species. At that point, several agricultural organizations including the California Cotton Ginners and Growers Association (CCGGA) and the Western Agricultural Processors Association (WAPA) challenged the decision, and the California Superior Court agreed. In response, the Commission and public interest groups filed an appeal with the Third District Court of Appeal. Unfortunately, the Third District found that the legislature intended the definition of fish to include insects (invertebrates). At this point the Association is considering next steps to combat this precedent setting court decision.

USDA Announces Commodity Container Assistance Program that includes Port of Oakland

USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will begin accepting applications for the Commodity Container Assistance Program (CCAP), which currently includes a partnership with the Port of Oakland and the Northwest Seaport Alliance (NWSA), which is a marine cargo operating partnership between the Port of Seattle and the Port of Tacoma in Washington State. Ongoing market disruptions have created logistical challenges associated with the availability and flow of shipping containers to transport agricultural commodities, which has prevented or delayed American-grown agricultural commodities from reaching their markets. "Both the Port of Oakland and the NWSA in Seattle have been identified as key gateways for American-grown agricultural commodities, and each has experienced significant challenges with the flow of containerized agricultural commodities and products," Secretary Vilsack said. "While USDA's per-container reimbursements will not cover the full cost of moving and storing shipping containers, the assistance provided will help ensure American-grown agricultural products can once again efficiently move through supply chains to reach global markets." Fewer shipping containers have been made available for U.S. agricultural commodities as ocean carriers have circumvented traditional marketing channels and rushed containers back to be exported empty and, as a result, many of these carriers have suspended service to the Port of Oakland. The Howard Terminal "pop up" site in the Port of Oakland will provide space to prepare empty containers. Agricultural companies and cooperatives will have easier access to these containers, which they can fill with

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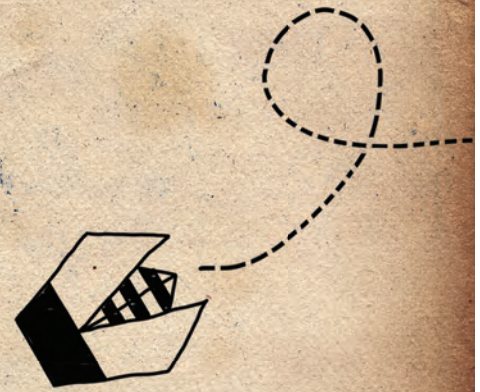
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commodities, which will help restore shipping services to agricultural commodities while relieving congestion. For the Port of Oakland, the Agricultural Marketing Service covered 60% of the start-up costs for the “pop up” site and under CCAP the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is providing a \$125 per container payment to partially assist agricultural commodity owners for the additional logistical expenses associated with picking up empty shipping containers to be filled with agricultural commodities and products at the Port of Oakland. Under CCAP FSA will also provide payments of \$200 per dry container and \$400 per refrigerated, or reefer, container to help cover additional logistical costs associated with moving the shipping container twice, first to the preposition site and then to the terminal loading the vessel, along with the cost of temporary storage.

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) will make monthly direct payments to agricultural companies and cooperatives on a per-container basis based upon the location of the port, and the type of shipping container, including empty containers, dry filled containers, and reefer filled containers. Both sites will have the ability to pre-cool refrigerated shipping containers to receive perishable commodities. To apply for CCAP, applicants must complete form FSA-862, [Commodity Container Assistance Program \(CCAP\) Application](#) according to [FSA-862 instructions](#) and submit the form to the FSA National Office by email to SM.FPAC.FSA.CCAP@usda.gov. Payments will be made in arrears and verified with terminal records. Applicants may submit applications on a monthly basis, but all applications must be submitted by Jan. 31, 2023.

U.S. Cotton Trust Protocol Launches Three-Year Enrollment

Trust Protocol participating producers will find the new streamlined enrollment for the 2022-2024 crops easy and quick. Production data, which remains confidential, now can be more efficiently uploaded into the Protocol platform, thus paving the way for a potential redistribution of program revenue. As before, crop consultants can be authorized to enter information and the John Deere

Operations Center can pre-populate up to 40% of the data needed to complete the Fieldprint analysis for those utilizing

the Protocol platform.

To learn more or begin enrollment, visit www.TrustUSCotton.org or reach out to the Grower Helpdesk at growers@trustuscotton.org.

Environmental Justice and Anti-Pesticide Groups Target Pesticides in SJVAPCD Ozone Plan

The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District held a workshop on its 2022 Ozone Plan for Attainment of the 2015 8-Hour Ozone Standard. At the workshop, advocates for environmental justice and anti-pesticide



groups attacked the Air District demanding they regulate pesticide immediately. There were 17 commenters who testified at the workshop and 16 of them challenged the air district to regulate pesticides immediately. The only commenter who didn't was **Association President/CEO Roger Isom**, who noted that the Valley is “NOx limited” meaning reducing NOx is the most important in achieving reductions in ozone and reducing reactive organic gas (ROG) emissions from pesticide applications will have little to no impact. Officials from the air district and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) agreed with the comments. But the message was clear the environmental advocates are loaded for bear and pesticides are their target in this next ozone plan. Previous pesticide regulations by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (CDPR) called for “low volatile organic compound (VOC) formulations of four pesticides. One of those pesticides (Lorsban) is no longer used in California, and the cost of the others went up with the new formulations. If this happens again in this plan expect more of the same. Rest assured, the Association is not sitting idly by and will be actively fighting any further regulation on pesticides under air quality plans.



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Association's Chris McGlothlin Gets Married!

The **Association's Director of Technical Services Chris McGlothlin** was married this past month to **Amanda Martinez** in a beautiful wedding at the School House in Sanger. Chris has worked at the Association for the past 8 years and we wish them both the very best with a big huge CONGRATULATIONS as they take the next steps in their life's journey!