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September/October 2007
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FACES OF LACFB
RURAL OLYMPICS
2007:

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TRADITIONS AND HIGHLIGHTS

by Victoria Gerginis

ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER FIRST, the Antelope Valley is unusually humid. The gray clouds hovering over the fairgrounds, the rumbling thunder close and the lightening occasionally touching down. This does not stop the audience from packing in. You can see the lights of the ferris wheel in the background glazing the hot, humid sky with a neon glow. The air also hangs heavy with anticipation for the RURAL OLYMPICS, now running forty five minutes late because of the weather delay.

Having moved to the Antelope Valley last year around this time, I had heard about the ongoing tradition of the RURAL OLYMPICS. It became a tradition that arose during the mid era of the Depression and has evolved to mark the finale of the Antelope Valley Fair and Alfalfa Festival. This tradition involves: Hay loading, hay squeezing, gravel truck and transfer, truck and trailer backing, antique car potato race, tractors stake races, antique auto dash, and (the new) tractor barrel race.

As the RURAL OLYMPICS begin, you can see that these events require skill and speed. Words cannot describe what a feat arranging hay bales into neat, symmetrical piles via a mechanical field loader can be. Let alone, having the ability to toss a ninety pound bale of hay just using sheer muscle power.

To illustrate the difficulty of these tasks, I have to include my viewpoint on the latter statement. During fair time, we—the office staff—incorporate hay bales into our agricultural displays. Being a city girl, I have never moved a bale of hay from point A to point B. However, I love learning new things and refuse to back down from a challenge. I was given two hay hooks, which look like some kind of scary movie props, and pathetically was trying to drag one of the hay bales a short distance. It was a very strained movement, as I kept panting in order to move it about three feet in over ten minutes. Yet during the RURAL OLYMPICS hay stealing contest, the ranchers throw the bales around with ease in record time.

Additional events at the RURAL OLYMPICS also involve: being able to maneuver oversized trucks into designated spaces, the ability to drive tractors through tight obstacle courses, as well as contests involving racing cars and gathering potatoes by utilizing a stick from the car's passenger side.

The crowd roars and gives their favorite participants energy to draw on. Friends and family compete together or, in some cases, against one another. There is a lot going on simultaneously. From the stands, you can see a bird's eye view of the entire field. The tractors racing and taking the form of cartoon looking, animated objects as they make their way around the barrels in twenty nine seconds!

New records were made; and some were broken at this year's RURAL OLYMPICS. If you missed out on all the festivities, come and join the fun next year. This is the type of event you have to witness firsthand to appreciate. The Los Angeles County Farm Bureau would like to congratulate all the participants, judges, and event winners.

We look forward to seeing you at next year's AV fair and RURAL OLYMPICS!

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Terry Munz	P	*	*
Eugene Nebeker	D	*	*
Roy Pursche	D	*	*
David Rizzo	E	*	*
Steve Rodrigues	D	*	*
Jeff Siebert	D	*	*
Craig Van Dam	D	*	*
Jessie White	D	*	*

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 P=Present
 D=Dark
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President's Message:

Dear LACFB Members,

There has been a lot going on this summer:

At the county level:

The LACFB has been supporting our agricultural youth groups throughout the summer with add-ons. We have donated over \$3,000 to help agriculture stay alive for the next generation as our future farmers, ranchers, veterinarians, etc. save up to attend college.

At the state level:

Statewide our various County offices have been collecting signatures for the Eminent Domain Ballot Measure. For more information or details please contact our state office at 1-800-698-3276.

Save the date!

I would like to formally invite you to attend our Annual Meeting. This year we are making a formal event a casual, family style Bar-B-Que at Golden Oak Ranch.

Golden Oak Ranch is a country themed natural preserve nestled within Placerita Canyon. Come and enjoy the serene landscape within the old western/ghost town. Sit back, relax, and kick your cowboy boots up as you listen to the different genres of music played by DJ Jimmy O.

Tickets are limited; purchase tickets (\$30.00 per person) in advance by visiting the LACFB office or by mail. Please note that tickets MUST be purchased before October 12, 2007. We accept cash or checks payable to the Los Angeles County Farm Bureau. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door. This event will take place rain or shine.

Date: Saturday, October 20, 2007

Time: 2 -6 in the afternoon

Place: Golden Oak Ranch
 19802 Placerita Canyon Rd
 Newhall, CA 91321

Hope to see everyone there!

Terry A. Munz



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Teacher's Corner:

Pig Fact Sheet

Pig Names, Fun Facts, and Q & A

Pig Names and Definitions¹

Barrow: castrated male pig

Boar: adult male pig used for breeding

Farrow: to give birth

Feeder pig: piglet after it's weaned from the sow

Gilt: female pig that has never farrowed

Litter: group of piglets born at the same time from the same sow

Market Hog: barrow or gilt raised for meat production

Piglet: newborn pig

Pork producers: farmers, the people that raise pigs

Runt: smallest piglet in the litter

Sow: adult female pig that has had a litter



Did You Know?.....

For years, the Royal Family kept a large herd of pigs at the Windsor Castle in England.²

Pigs are the fourth most intelligent animals in the world.

A pig's squeal can reach up to 115 decibels, 3 decibels higher than the sound of a supersonic Concorde—an airliner that could fly above the speed of sound.

The largest pig recorded in history was Big Bill, a 5 foot high, 9 foot long Poland China hog, who weighed in at 2,552 pounds at a fair in Tennessee in the early 1930s.

Bud, a crossbreed barrow from Texas, became the world's most expensive pig when he was sold for \$56,000 on March 5, 1985.³

A pig can run a 7 minute mile.⁴

Pork is the most widely eaten meat in the world.⁵

Q & A.....

Do pigs sweat? ~ Pigs can't sweat. They have no sweat glands.⁶

Why do pigs roll in the mud? ~ Pigs roll around in the mud to cool off.

How much does a piglet weigh? ~ A baby pig, or piglet, weighs about 3½ pounds at birth and will double its weight in just 7 days.

How do pigs help humans? ~ 1) Heart valves from hogs are used to replace damaged or diseased human heart valves.⁷

~ 2) Swine research led to the development of the CAT Scan, a technology for examining internal organs without surgery.⁸



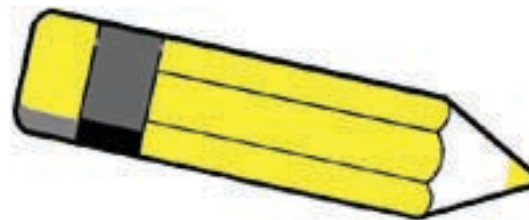
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Pig Fact Sheet-



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Pig Names, Fun Facts, and Q & A

Breeds (types) of pigs⁹

Yorkshire: Long, big frame and are white with ears that point up.

Chester White: Solid white, with medium sized droopy ears.

Berkshire: Black with six white points (nose, tail, and legs), ears that point up, and a short dished snout.

Duroc: Reddish in color with droopy ears.

Hampshire: Black with a white belt that extends from one front leg, over the shoulder, and down the other front leg. This breed has ears that point up.

Poland China: This breed has six white points on a black body, with medium sized droopy ears

Spot: White with black spot and medium sized droopy ears.

Landrace: White hogs with very large, floppy ears, and a long body.

Q & A.....

How much does a healthy pig weigh? ~ About 200 to 240 pounds.

What do pigs eat? ~ A concentrated grain diet (soy bean, corn, wheat, etc.) that is low in fiber with sufficient protein.¹⁰

How many piglets can a sow have per litter? ~ 9-15 piglets per litter

How many days is the sow pregnant? ~113 days (3 months, 3 weeks, 3 days)

What is the average life span of a pig? ~ 10-15 years¹¹



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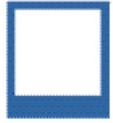


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Protection Comes with Condo and Tenant Policies

If you live in a condominium or apartment, a condo or tenant's insurance policy is as important to have in place as your lease or association agreement.

For those who rent – including college students – a tenant's policy can protect your personal property and provide vital liability coverage, which your landlord's insurance will not provide.

Property coverage from a tenant's policy can go far beyond replacing a stolen TV or computer. Consider the kind of loss you could face if a fire ignited in your apartment, or raged through your building. With the right kind of tenant's policy, you would be covered from losses resulting from incidents such as theft, fire, smoke damage, lightning, vandalism, glass breakage, falling objects, and accidental electrical damage to appliances. "Loss of use" coverage could help pay for a hotel if you have to leave your home after a covered loss.

And if an accident happens, a good tenant's policy should provide personal liability protection for you, your spouse, or relatives living with you and others in your care under 21. Liability coverage extends to claims you're obligated to pay for the injury, sickness, disease or death of others.

Condo Coverage

Condo owners likely are required by lenders to have property coverage from a condo policy, which can provide all the coverages of the tenant's policy described above, and additional protection for structural property inside the condo unit.

The type of individual condo insurance you need is determined in part by the master policy of the condo association. Some master policies cover the condo building structure outside the walls of your condo unit, while others provide some coverage for cabinets and permanent fixtures inside the unit.

So it's important to get a good understanding (or a copy) of the master policy to discuss with your agent – especially if you're responsible for covering everything within the walls of your condo.

Some other considerations: You should ask about inland marine or "floater" coverage for items such as jewelry, furs and other items that may have limited coverage within a tenants or condo policy. College students who move out of dormitories are typically not covered under their parents' homeowner's policy and should purchase a tenant's policy to cover their belongings. Talk to your agent to be sure you have the coverage you need to protect personal property at home and even off-premises.

Call your Nationwide or Allied agent to learn more.

Insurance Programs

Nationwide Health Plans

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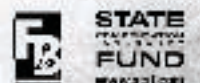
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Join Farm Bureau In Protecting Private Property Rights

Article contributed by CFBF

It was just three years ago that Yolo County sought to seize Conaway Ranch and its water by eminent domain. Fortunately, public opposition led by the Yolo County Farm Bureau and others caused the county to abandon the effort, but only after the property owners agreed to pay the legal expenses the county incurred while trying to seize the ranch.

The Conaway Ranch case illustrates how vulnerable farmland is to eminent domain abuse – it is the least expensive property to seize and the most desired by developers.

Unfortunately, eminent domain abuse is all too common today. There are no legal limitations on what government can seize, making the threat even greater as urban communities encroach upon farmland.

Conaway Ranch is one of many that illustrate how one's farm, ranch, business, home and place of worship are NOT safe from the actions of a few elected officials and the politically connected.

Farm Bureau is fighting back with a two-tier strategy to ensure lasting private property rights.

The first part of this strategy is to direct financial support to candidates who honor private property rights.

While your membership dues provide essential funding for fighting costly legislation, excessive regulations and protecting water rights; they are not used for making political contributions.

Through the California Farm Bureau Fund to Protect the Family Farm (FARM PAC®), separate funds are raised to support candidates who are committed to protecting the farming and ranching way of life.

By supporting candidates who value private property rights, we can ensure that property rights protections won't be undone by any future state Legislature or local agency.

Second, the California Farm Bureau Federation is co-sponsoring a statewide ballot initiative to reform eminent domain abuse. The California Property Owners and Farmland Protection Act will put a provision in the state Constitution that prohibits the taking of private property, including farmland, for a non-governmental purpose.

Local government will still be able to acquire and use property as needed for legitimate public uses – police stations, highways or schools. But never again will local agencies be able to negotiate with developers to take private property and transfer it to another for private use – only to increase the tax revenue for the government.

Working with our campaign coalition partners, Farm Bureau has activated its grassroots base to collect the more than 1 million signatures needed to qualify this measure for the June 2008 ballot.

You too, as a Farm Bureau member or friend, can support efforts to protect private property rights. Sign and circulate a petition or take part in FARM PAC fundraising efforts when they come your way. To learn more about how you can help, visit www.cfbf.com or contact 1-800-698-3276.

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Don't Let Harvest Fatigue Ruin A Beautiful Year

By Brian Watson
Farm Bureau Group Manager

Although crops are harvested year-round in California, September is viewed as the time when most harvests are under way. So whether you harvest now or at another time of year, this is a good time to review the importance of harvest safety.

At harvest time, the hours are long and the work is arduous. Fatigue can be a major concern as everyone works together to bring in the crop before the late fall rains.

During harvest, people are increasingly vulnerable to accidents and care must be taken to ensure everyone's safety. While there is a certain urgency to harvest the crop before inclement weather strikes, farmers should remind their employees that it is this hurried attitude that may contribute to accidents.

Some safety points worth reviewing:

- Make sure you can give good directions for emergency squads if needed.
- Watch for power lines at the ends of fields.
- Keep plenty of fully charged fire extinguishers around.
- Make sure trailers, harvesters and other equipment have proper lighting and "Slow Moving Vehicle" markers when moving on the road.
- Replace all shields after lubrication, servicing, adjustments or repairs.
- Watch for ditches and canals.
- Take rest breaks when needed and stay alert when working in the field.
- Avoid alcohol and drugs.

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The NRCS can help prepare you for 2007 Farm Bill program benefits.

In the May/June 2007 edition of this newsletter, I wrote an article that described the Administration's proposal for the upcoming 2007 Farm Bill, which determines programs and eligibility requirements for farmers, ranchers, researchers, and conservation organizations.

Though specific language for the proposed bill is still being developed, conservation programs will continue to support the protection of soil, saving of water, cleaning of the air, and promotion of wildlife habitat.

Farmers and ranchers are an integral to natural resource stewardship in this great nation. The vast majority of private lands are managed by thoughtful agriculturalists who not only feed the nation and world but also protect our precious resources.

The 2002 Farm Bill, which sunsets this fiscal year, provided much financial support to farmers and ranchers for conservation. The demand for program participation increased exponentially in many counties throughout the nation. California experienced a bountiful increase in program dollars to help match the ever increasing demand for contracts.

Locally, in Los Angeles County, the demand for practices such as efficient irrigation systems, cleaner tail water runoff, and less polluting pump engines is increasing.

In order to manage this increase, here and throughout the state, we are encouraging farmers and ranchers to visit our offices early to develop conservation plans. Not only will a plan define your desired conservation farming improvements, but it may actually strengthen your application for these competitive contracts.

A plan is critical to any endeavor. Farm plans, business plans, marketing plans, retirement plans all pave the way to meet goals and find success. So to make conservation plans the foundation for success in soil and water conservation, we're taking sign-ups year round for conservation plans in your local NRCS office. However, **November 2, 2007 is the application cut-off date for the next funding cycle for cost-share programs.**

Please call us at (661) 945-2604, ext. 3, or visit us at 44811 N. Date Ave., Suite G, Lancaster, CA 93561. You can visit our California NRCS website at www.ca.nrcs.usda.gov. You can also track progress on the new Farm Bill by going to the national USDA website at www.usda.gov and clicking on the links to the 2007 Farm Bill.

APPLICATION CUT OFF DATE: Friday NOVEMBER 2nd, 2007

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Jess Baker

Tractor Barrel Race

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Be Safe During Harvest Time

Because harvest is the busiest time of year on a farm, it is also one of the most dangerous times for everyone involved. There is more stress and pressure than at other times of the year, and it is for this reason that it is very important to make safety a significant part of the harvest operation.

It is important that the emphasis on harvest time safety begin well before the actual harvest. Much of the heavy equipment—harvesters, trucks, trailers, gondolas and other machinery—is only used at this time of year, so start with a careful inspection of each piece of equipment. Before approaching machinery for maintenance or inspection, make sure it is shut down with the engine off, the key is removed, and all moving parts have stopped completely.

Once a piece of equipment passes your careful inspection, give it a test run so that needed repairs and adjustments can be made. Once harvest is under way the equipment should receive periodic maintenance inspections. A faulty piece of equipment can play a big part in contributing to an accident.

Frequently, extra workers who are hired specifically for harvest are not familiar with a particular farming operation and may lack training, experience and conditioning necessary to do the job safely. Make sure that all employees are trained in the safe operation of the equipment they will be using before being placed under the pressure of harvest operations. Require employees to review the operator's manual and warning decals ahead of harvest.

Take the time to review equipment safety warnings and emphasize the importance of employees following safe practices at all times. Do not allow employees to remove machine guards that are in place to protect from entanglement or other mishaps.

Check to see that all employees are physically and mentally prepared before beginning work each day. Fatigue, stress, and worry can impair the ability to make rational decisions, so be sure to get as much rest as possible and encourage your employees to do the same.

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