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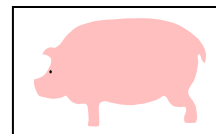
### LACFB Office Staff

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## Upcoming Event..... Upcoming Event.....

### Don't Forget to Save the Date!



*Los Angeles County Farm Bureau's Jr.  
Livestock Auction Contest. Offering a  
\$1,000 donation to the top 3 students'  
animals!!*

*For more information and contest rules  
go to [www.lacfb.org](http://www.lacfb.org) and click the Jr.  
Livestock contest tab.*

**Deadline: Monday July 12, 2010**

Mail(postmarked) entries to:  
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## FARM BUREAU MEMBER BENEFITS

Enjoy Farm Bureau member benefits that include:

Insurance discount programs, discounts on lodging, car rentals, participating theme parks, etc.

Check out: <http://cfbf.com/benefits/index.cfm> for details

## Request a complimentary copy of California Country Magazine!

[\[https://www.cfbf.com/CalifCountryMag/orderCalifCountryMag.cfm\]](https://www.cfbf.com/CalifCountryMag/orderCalifCountryMag.cfm)

Produced by the California Farm Bureau Federation, California Country is the latest in the organization's long-running commitment to educating consumers, media and legislators about the importance and incomparable bounty of food, fiber and flowers grown in California.

Farm Bureau has produced regularly scheduled television programs since 1964 and more than 2,200 episodes of California Country have aired since its title changeover from *The Voice of Agriculture* in 1997.

California Country Magazine ~In its effort to reach consumers and educate them on the importance of agriculture, the California Farm Bureau is proud to produce *California Country*® magazine. The magazine is published six times a year and is one of the many benefits enjoyed by the Farm Bureau's sustaining members. Non-member subscriptions are available for just \$9.00 per year (a savings of 50% off the annual cover price!).

## CALIFORNIA COUNTRY TELEVISION

Don't forget to watch California Country Television. For a broadcast schedule near you see:

<http://www.californiacountry.org/on-tv/broadcast-schedule.aspx>

### We know Mother Nature doesn't wait.

That's why we get your employees back to work fast through our careful processing of claims. Plus, we offer eligible Farm Bureau members a 6% discount on premiums. It's all part of our commitment to California agriculture. Because Mother Nature doesn't stop, and neither will we.

Together, we'll help keep California working.  
[statefundca.com](http://statefundca.com)



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### Workers' Compensation for Horse Facilities:

With a FB membership you can receive a discount on your worker's compensation insurance through State Fund.

Contact a State Fund representative at <http://www.scif.com/> and ask for one of the FB programs: Group 005 CFBF, Stock Farms (includes raising and breeding of horses) or Group 511 CFBF Horse Breeders Group/ Horse Shows (i.e. insurance for stable employees).



**John Valentine**  
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### Nationwide Insurance

Nationwide Insurance Company of America offers a 7 1/2 percent discount on personal auto insurance to Farm Bureau members in California. To find an agent near you, visit [www.nationwide.com](http://www.nationwide.com) or call 1-877-669-6877

Web site at [www.nhpcalifornia.com](http://www.nhpcalifornia.com).

### Allied Insurance

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Search the Allied Agent Locator (<http://www.cfbf.com/farmagents/>) for an agent near you or call (800) 282-1446.

## **AGRICULTURAL TIDBITS:**

**\*AG DAY LA 2010 was a successful event:** Our agricultural education venue took place April 21 – 22, 2010 at Fairplex, Pomona. We were able to reach out to 17 schools, 44 classes (over 1,000 students) from throughout L.A. County. For more information please visit our website at <http://agdayla.com/>. You can also visit our new e-card center at <http://www.agdayla.com/sendcard/>, and e-mail your favorite card to help us get the word out about the importance of agricultural literacy while promoting this event!

\*Please note: **AG DAY LA is a joint partnership event** sponsored by Fairplex, the 48th District Agricultural Association, the **Los Angeles County Farm Bureau**, the Los Angeles County Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures, and the California Women for Agriculture-Los Angeles Chapter. The L.A. BeeKeepers Association & BeeKeepers Association of Southern CA have been long time members of the Foundation as well. Our newer members are: 4-H, UC Cooperative Extension, Los Angeles County and Cal Poly Pomona.

**Frugal Teen Buys House with 4-H Winnings [The Columbus Dispatch, May 17, 2010]** How agricultural activities taught this teenager valuable life lessons-Click the link to read the newspaper article

[http://static.dispatch.com/www.dispatch.com/live/content/local\\_news/stories/2010/05/17/hog-wildnot-this-girl.html](http://static.dispatch.com/www.dispatch.com/live/content/local_news/stories/2010/05/17/hog-wildnot-this-girl.html)

**Commentary: Farmers - The true environmentalists [Salinas Californian, May 4, 2010]** It was the dirtiest truck I'd ever been in, but I likened the dirt that clung to every surface and hid in every crevice to the degrees that hang on a doctor's wall to impart credibility and reputation. As Farmer Joe and I rode through his fields, my admiration swelled for him and those who work the land — the first and true environmentalists. Whether it's growing vegetables and grain, raising livestock for meat and dairy or providing raw materials like wool, farming is an intricate part of our lives; yet, not only does the work go unnoticed on most days, on the other days the work is overtly criticized or figuratively relegated to sit in the corner while numerous agencies set sometimes conflicting regulations and some nonprofits fight the agencies or the farmers in the name of doing good for the environment.<http://www.thecalifornian.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=20105040301>

**Opinion: Family farms help preserve the environment [San Francisco Chronicle, April 22, 2010]** As you celebrate Earth Day today, be thankful you live in a country where you have access to affordable and healthy food. It is because of our family farming business and others like it that each day Americans have a variety of the world's best fruits, nuts, vegetables, grains and meats...Our parents instilled in us a love of the land, family and hard work - but also an understanding of the economics necessary to remain in business. It's important for all Californians to help keep farmers in business, which in turn helps protect open spaces, keep urban sprawl in check, promote carbon sequestration, and protect wildlife habitat. It is time for those who care about California's environment to join forces with the family farmers and ranchers to protect farms, as well as nature.

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2010/04/22/EDG01D28TB.DTL>

**Lamb racks up fans with new cuts, hip new attitude [Associated Press, April 21, 2010]**

There are fashions in meat, as in all things, but... Are you ready for lamb bacon? That's just one of the new dishes popping up on menus across the country as chefs experiment with American lamb, a trend driven partly by a concerted effort on the part of producers to shake off lamb's dated image. Fussy crown roasts topped by tricky little frilled caps—out. "Lamb Jams," cooking contests featuring local chefs getting their grill on—in. "We're definitely trying to approach a whole new generation and make lamb more approachable," said Megan Wortman, executive director of

the Denver-based American Lamb Board.

[http://www.montereyherald.com/search/ci\\_14927663?IADID=Search-www.montereyherald.com-www.montereyherald.com](http://www.montereyherald.com/search/ci_14927663?IADID=Search-www.montereyherald.com-www.montereyherald.com)

**Future farmers transplanted from cities and suburbs [Sacramento Bee, April 20, 2010]**

...Cities and suburbs now supply young recruits to agriculture, primarily to small and organic farms, and the trend is playing out in El Dorado County.... "My impression is that the current group of students is much more pragmatic and less romantic," said Tom Tomich, director of the Agricultural Sustainability Institute at the University of California, Davis, and member of a Sacramento farming family. There are now academic programs to support that practical education before ruralization. "Mainly, all the programs have been created in the last six or seven years," said Damian Parr, a post-doctoral student who is working with Tomich on creating a proposed major in sustainable agriculture and food systems.

<http://www.sacbee.com/2010/04/20/2690615/future-farmers-arrive-from-cities.html>

**California drivers can show their support for farmers [Los Angeles Times, April 20, 2010]**

Honk if you love farmers. The California Department of Food and Agriculture is trying to rally public support for special license plates that tout a driver's support for the state's agricultural industry and would charge a premium fee for them. The bulk of those fees, which would be tacked onto a person's normal vehicle registration costs, would pay for statewide education and training programs aimed at secondary school kids interested in farm careers.

<http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-ag-plate-20100419,0,1197809.story>

**AGRICULTURAL EVENTS, GRANTS, AND FREEBIES:**

**Jr. Livestock Auction Contest** – <http://www.lacf.org/jlc.html> (Click for more info on this FREE agricultural contest) The Los Angeles County Farm Bureau is looking for agricultural enthusiasts to enter our Junior Livestock Auction Add-On Contest – **Prize giveaway will total \$3000**

This year the Los Angeles County Farm Bureau is hosting a contest with cash prizes for the hardworking 4H, FFA, Grange, and Independent students that raise animals for the A.V. Fair's Junior Livestock Auction!

Visit our website at [www.lacf.org](http://www.lacf.org) for additional details on how to apply as well as for more information regarding our non-profit organization. **Please have (postmarked) entries mailed or delivered by Monday July 12, 2010.**

Please note that you can "friend" L.A. Farm Bureau on Facebook to receive additional updates.

**Free Green Stuff Exchange**, Are you looking for mulch or soil for your summer garden? How about concrete blocks for your garden walkway or retaining wall? Then this is just the website for you! At free green exchange you will find many free items for your home garden or landscaping project! Browse the different categories from reclaimed wood or tree logs to broken concrete and landscape materials. For a complete list of free items and for more information visit the website at: [http://freegreenexchange.com/browse\\_locations.php?id=194](http://freegreenexchange.com/browse_locations.php?id=194)

**National Children and Youth Garden Symposium July 22-24, 2010, [American**

**Horticulture Society – May 20, 2010]** Come learn how to create and use gardens to provide dynamic environments for experimentation, social engagement, self-expression, and connection to the natural world. Hear from youth, the adults in their lives, and national experts about the vital role of gardens in the lives of today's youth. [http://www.ahs.org/youth\\_gardening/national\\_youth\\_garden\\_symposium.htm](http://www.ahs.org/youth_gardening/national_youth_garden_symposium.htm)

**Pre-Registration Required!**

**Free Seeds! From The Dinner Garden [California School Garden Network [www.csgn.org](http://www.csgn.org) -May 20, 2010]** The Dinner Garden fights hunger by supplying people with free vegetable seeds. The site also offers planting guides and gardening information. [www.dinnergarden.org](http://www.dinnergarden.org)

**Student's Guide to Composting [California School Garden Network [www.csgn.org](http://www.csgn.org) – May 20, 2010]** *Composting in the Classroom: Scientific Inquiry for High School Students*, by Nancy Trautmann and Marianne Krasny is a comprehensive guide for teachers interested in guiding compost research projects by high school students. To download the guide click the following link: <http://compost.css.cornell.edu/CIC.html>

**Agricultural Colleges**

Cal Poly Pomona  
3801 West Temple Ave  
Pomona, CA 91768  
(909) 869-2189

**Convention Center**

Calamigos Ranch  
327 S. Latigo Canyon  
Malibu, CA 90265  
(800) 821-2097  
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**Supply Companies**

Distribution Supply Tech  
4820 Lamier Road  
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(661) 942-5939

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**Other Organizations**

50<sup>th</sup> District Agricultural  
Association  
2511 West Avenue H  
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(661) 948-6060

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43301 Division Street, #206  
Lancaster, CA 93535  
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Inn of Lancaster  
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(661) 945-8771

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