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## Welcome New Members

We would like to "Thank You" for becoming part of the Farm Bureau Family.

## FARM BUREAU AT WORK

State Legislative and Government Affairs Updates

### AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

**SB 399 (Wahab, D-Hayward)** - signed legislation that could impact California agricultural employers as the ongoing jockeying between employers and unions unfolds in the aftermath of 2022's card-check legislation. SB 399 restricts employers' ability to communicate with employees about virtually any political issue if the employee and employer are at odds over the underlying issue. Proponents claimed its restrictions on speech are meant primarily to restrain employers from engaging "captive audience" meetings to discourage employees from supporting union representation. The exact reach of SB 399 remains to be seen, as there are ongoing concerns about the degree to which it infringes on employers' First Amendment rights. SB 399 is likely to attract a challenge on those constitutional grounds, as has similar Minnesota legislation signed by Vice Presidential candidate Tim Walz. Farm Bureau had sought a veto of SB 399.

**SB 1299 (Cortese, D-San Jose)** - Governor Newsom vetoed SB1299 which would have created a rebuttable presumption of work-relatedness in the event of a farm employee's episode of heat illness if the injured employee worked during a week or pay period in which weather conditions triggered implementation of Cal/OSHA Heat Illness Prevention standard. Cortese's rationale for the bill was that Cal/OSHA enforcement has proved ineffective at preventing episodes of heat illness among farm employees, despite the agency's heavy emphasis on enforcement. Governor Newsom's state reasons for vetoing SB 1299 including Cal/OSHA's creation of a new enforcement task force focusing on heat illness, his concern that SB 1299 was simply the wrong tool to address the matter, and that the Workers Compensation Appeals Board (WCAB) has not particular expertise in determining employer compliance with Cal/OSHA regulations. FELS' parent organization, California Farm Bureau, had encouraged Governor Newsom to veto

**SB 1299. AB 2240 (Arambula, D-Fresno)** - The Governor signed AB 2240 requiring state-operated and supported migrant farmworker housing centers to remain open year-round. Previously, qualified migrant farmworkers could occupy slots in migrant farmworker housing centers for up to six months, extendable to up to nine months. Arambula and the bill's proponents contended the time limitation disrupted the education of migrant farmworker's children when they were required to move in the middle of the academic year; existing policy required migrant farmworkers to move at least 50 miles away to be eligible for housing the following year. Some farmworker advocates expressed concern that AB 2240 would shift financial resources away from migrant farmworker housing programs, that year-round occupants would preclude housing workers needed for limited seasons, and that some centers lack heat for occupancy during winter months.

**SB 1105 (Padilla, D-El Centro)** - Newsom also signed SB 1105 specifying that agricultural employees can use state-mandated Paid Sick Leave to avoid excessive smoke, heat or flooding. Employees, including agricultural employees, can already use state-mandated PSL virtually without restriction and without any obligation to prove actual illness of themselves or others they provide care for, meaning SB 1105 makes virtually no change to existing law. Staff Contact: Bryan Little; blittle@cfb.com

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## 2024 General Election • Tuesday, November 5

The California Farm Bureau Federation Board of Directors adopted the following recommendations on statewide ballot measures that will be before California voters in the Nov. 5 general election.

PROPOSITION	POSITION
<p><b>PROPOSITION 2: Issue \$10 Billion in Bonds to Fund Construction and Modernization of Public Education Facilities</b></p> <p>New construction and modernization of education institutions will cost \$8.5 billion for K-12 and \$1.5 billion for community colleges.</p>	<p><b>OPPOSE</b></p> <p><i>REASONING: California is already paying off billions in bond debt, all at a cost to the general fund to service the debt payments.</i></p>
<p><b>PROPOSITION 3: Removes Outdated Language Regarding Marriage from State Constitution</b></p> <p>Repeals the unenforceable constitutional provision that marriage only between a man and woman is valid or recognized in California.</p>	<p><b>NO POSITION</b></p> <p><i>REASONING: CAFB does not have policy on this topic.</i></p>
<p><b>PROPOSITION 4: The Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act</b></p> <p>Allows for the issuance of \$10 billion in bonds to fund safe drinking water; drought, flood, water resilience; wildfire and forest resilience; nature-based climate solutions; climate-smart, park creation and outdoor access; and clean air programs among other programs. Allows for funding to be shifted from the state budget to bonds for ongoing programs.</p>	<p><b>OPPOSE</b></p> <p><i>REASONING: Shifting government program costs from general tax revenues to additional public indebtedness through bond issuance to mitigate budget shortfalls is bad fiscal policy.</i></p>
<p><b>PROPOSITION 5: Lower Supermajority Requirement to 55% for Local Bond Measures to Fund Housing and Public Infrastructure</b></p> <p>Amends the constitution to lower the threshold from 2/3 vote to 55% to allow a local government to impose a parcel tax for the purpose of issuing bonds to build or rehabilitate public infrastructure and affordable housing, including downpayment assistance, or permanent supportive housing.</p>	<p><b>OPPOSE</b></p> <p><i>REASONING: The 2/3 vote for taxes and fees is paramount and should not be weakened.</i></p>
<p><b>PROPOSITION 6: Amend the California Constitution to Bar Involuntary Servitude in Correctional Facilities</b></p> <p>Removes a constitutional provision allowing jails and prisons to impose involuntary servitude as criminal punishment. It prohibits the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation from disciplining inmates for refusing work assignments while allowing inmates to voluntarily accept work assignments for credits to reduce their sentences.</p>	<p><b>NO POSITION</b></p> <p><i>REASONING: CAFB does not have policy on this topic.</i></p>
<p><b>PROPOSITION 32: \$18 Minimum Wage Increase</b></p> <p>Increases the minimum wage from \$16 per hour to \$18 per hour by January 1, 2025.</p>	<p><b>OPPOSE</b></p> <p><i>REASONING: California is already a difficult and costly state to do business in without an increasing minimum wage.</i></p>
<p><b>PROPOSITION 33: State Limitations on Local Rent Control</b></p> <p>Allows a city or county to enact rent control by repealing the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act of 1995.</p>	<p><b>OPPOSE</b></p> <p><i>REASONING: Private property rights are paramount.</i></p>
<p><b>PROPOSITION 34: Restrictions on AIDS Healthcare Foundation Support</b></p> <p>Ensures that health care providers spend 98% of revenues on direct patient care if their spending on items other than patient care exceeds \$100 million over 10 years.</p>	<p><b>NO POSITION</b></p> <p><i>REASONING: CAFB does not have policy on this topic.</i></p>
<p><b>PROPOSITION 35: Permanent Managed Care Organization (MCO) Tax</b></p> <p>Makes permanent the existing tax on managed health care insurance plans, currently set to expire in 2026. The revenue generated pays for health care services for low-income families with children, seniors, disabled persons and other Medi-Cal recipients.</p>	<p><b>NO POSITION</b></p> <p><i>REASONING: CAFB does not have policy on this topic.</i></p>
<p><b>PROPOSITION 36: Drug and Theft Crime Penalties and Treatment-Mandated Felonies</b></p> <p>Allows for felony charges and increases sentences for certain drug and theft crimes, including organized theft.</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b></p> <p><i>REASONING: Law enforcement should have all the tools necessary to prevent crime from occurring.</i></p>

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**Coachella Valley**  
Irrigated Lands Coalition, Inc

# MEETING INVITATION

**THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 7, 2024**  
**2:00 P.M.**

You are invited to join our upcoming meeting.

City of Coachella Corporate Yard  
53-462 Enterprise Way, Coachella, CA 92236  
2nd Floor Conference Room

**CONTACT** ☎ 760-399-0315 📧 [contact.us@cvilc.org](mailto:contact.us@cvilc.org)

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PO Box 645, Indio, CA 92202-0645

Riverside County Sheriff's Rural Crime Team emphasizes the importance of marking agricultural equipment with an Owner Applied Number (OAN) to aid in the recovery of stolen property due to rising thefts.



- **OAN Details:**
  - Unique 10-digit number assigned to each agricultural business.
  - Helps identify and protect valuable items like machinery and tools.
- **Support:**
  - Backed by organizations such as the California Rural Crime Prevention Task Force and California Highway Patrol.
- **Prevention:**
  - Visible markings deter thieves, as identifiable items are less likely to be stolen.
- **Free Program:**
  - The Sheriff's Rural Crime Team offers OAN assignment and stamping at no cost.
  - Contact Sergeant Kory Murphy at (951) 217-4560 or Deputy Aaron Pasch (760) 308-8465 for assistance.

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# Riverside County Farm Bureau Participates in the 2024 Southern California Fair Jr. Livestock Auction



On Saturday, October 12, President Richard Schmid represented the Riverside County Farm Bureau as an auction buyer at the Southern California Fair's Junior Livestock Auction, supporting our members who contributed to the Auction Support Fund.

With four successful bids, the purchases included a lamb, a goat, and two turkeys, one of which was a "Reserve Champion," bought for \$1,200.00 through the "Buy Back" program. Additionally, \$550 was allocated for student add-ons, bringing the total investment to \$1,750.00 for the students' projects.

Annually, the Riverside County Farm Bureau participates as an auction buyer to bolster auction prices during the Junior Livestock Auctions at both the Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival in Indio in February, as well as the Southern California Fair in Perris in October. Students from 4-H, FFA, Grange, and Independent Exhibitors raise animals as part of their educational projects, maintaining records and gaining insights into the costs and challenges of food production, along with time management skills. During the fairs, they showcase and sell their market animals to the highest bidder at the Junior Livestock Auctions, allowing them to use their earnings for future animal projects and to save for college. The Riverside County Farm Bureau believes that successful auctions will inspire students to maintain their interest in agriculture and aspire to careers in the agricultural sector.

As in previous years, the Riverside County Farm Bureau relies on donations to our Auction Support Fund from our members to assist with purchasing market animals at these auctions. Without these generous contributions, our ability to participate would be significantly limited.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude for the generous donations and express our heartfelt "Thank You" to everyone for your ongoing support.

Your generosity plays a crucial role in fostering the next generation of agricultural leaders. By investing in these students, you are not only supporting their current projects but also helping to build a foundation for their future endeavors in the world of farming and agriculture. Your contributions make it possible for these young individuals to gain valuable experience, develop essential skills, and cultivate a passion for agriculture that will benefit our communities for years to come.

We are incredibly proud of the students and their dedication to learning and growing within this vital industry. Their hard work and commitment are truly inspiring, and with your support, they are empowered to pursue their dreams with confidence.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support and belief in the potential of these young agriculturists. Together, we are sowing the seeds for a brighter future in agriculture, ensuring that the industry continues to thrive and innovate.

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# Celebrating Agricultural Success

## Riverside County Shines in the 2023 Production Report



The agricultural community of Riverside County received well-deserved recognition on October 1st, as Agricultural Commissioner Delia Jimenez Cioc presented the 2023 Riverside County Agricultural Production Report to the Board of Supervisors. This annual report highlights the vital contributions of local farmers and ranchers, offering a comprehensive statistical overview of the county's agricultural landscape. As the most reliable source of data on agricultural production, it reflects both the economic value and diverse output.

Riverside County's agriculture continues to thrive, thanks to the dedication and innovation of farmers, ranchers, and agricultural businesses. From diaries to specialty crops the variety and quality of products highlight the dynamic nature of the

region's agriculture. During the report's presentation, each Board Member was treated to an impressive showcase of products grown and packaged within the county, offering a real example of the agricultural excellence Riverside County is known for.

Among the items highlighted:

- Mangos – Corona-College Heights, Orange & Lemon Association
- Honey – Marquette Apiaries
- Watermelons – Eagle Eye Farms
- Limes – Vogel Corp./Limelight Groves
- Grapefruit – Bautista Creek Ranches
- Seedless Lemons – Wonderful Citrus
- Citrus and Avocados – Garcia Farming
- Nursery Plants/Trees – Alta Nursery
- Kale and Carrots – Gaytan Farms
- Herbs – Northshore Living Herbs
- Dates – Tudor Farms
- Date Bites – Pacific Dates
- Wine – Mount Palomar Winery, Calloway Vineyard & Winery, Wilson Creek Winery



The display was a vivid reminder of the diversity of crops produced locally, reflecting both the county's agricultural heritage and its adaptability in the face of modern challenges.

As we reflect on the achievements highlighted in the 2023 Agricultural Production Report, it is clear that Riverside County's agricultural sector is poised for continued success. The report not only showcases the current state of agriculture but also points toward future opportunities for growth and innovation. Thank you to all the farmers and ranchers for their hard work and dedication.

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## California Farm Bureau voices support for disaster relief plan

U.S. Reps. David Valadao, Jimmy Panetta, Jim Costa, Mike Thompson, Doug LaMalfa and other members of the California delegation today introduced the Agriculture Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, which would provide \$14 billion to the U.S. Department of Agriculture in support of natural disaster assistance programs for losses experienced in 2023. Earlier this year, economists at the American Farm Bureau Federation indicated that major disasters and severe weather events led to more than \$21 billion in crop losses last year alone.

California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass voiced support for the legislation, noting the challenges natural disasters create for farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers.

"Californians have faced a unique and broad range of disasters across the state in recent years—including floods, drought and wildfires. Unfortunately, only a quarter of the roughly 400 commodities

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# RIVERSIDE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**  
**AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION REPORT**  
2023



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It is my privilege to submit the 2023 Riverside County Agricultural Production Report. This report is produced in accordance with Section 2279 of the California Food and Agricultural Code, and summarizes the acreage, production and valuation of our County's agricultural commodities.

The gross value of all agricultural crops produced during 2023 in Riverside County is **\$1,540,340,000**. This total represents an increase of \$50 million (3.3%) from last year's total value. The largest increase (17.2%) was seen in aquaculture followed by apiculture (16.3%) while livestock and poultry saw a 31.5% drop in value due to a re-assessment of the cattle and dairy production. Once again, in 2023, vegetables, melons, and other miscellaneous crops held the top spot as the number one agricultural category, with a gross production value of \$378 million dollars, a 15.3% increase from the previous year. Nursery maintained its place as the second leading most valuable crop at \$358 million dollars and reported an increase of 12.4% from 2022. Tree and Vine took the third spot at \$299 million dollars reporting a 10.6% gain over last year.

This report is our yearly opportunity to recognize the growers, shippers, ranchers and other businesses instrumental to and supportive of agriculture in Riverside County. As such, I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to the industry for their continued efforts in providing the vital information that enables the compilation of this report. Special recognition goes to the Agricultural Commissioner's staff for their efforts in the production of this year's report.

Respectfully submitted by Delia Jimenez Cioc  
Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weight and Measures

for Ruben J. Arroyo  
Agricultural Commissioner  
Sealer of Weights and Measures

.....CONT. FROM PAGE 6. grown in California are covered by a direct crop insurance program, meaning thousands of farmers are unable to access critical risk management tools to recover from disasters," Douglass said. "This has led to our reliance on resources such as the Emergency Relief Program, which is currently oversubscribed and underfunded. We are appreciative of the attention and leadership Rep. Valadao, Rep. Panetta and others have shown in addressing this shortfall by introducing this supplemental appropriations bill."

Under the legislation, USDA would distribute funds to producers for losses of revenue, quality or production due to natural disasters. The legislation also expands eligibility for livestock producers, making additional disaster types, livestock relocation, feed crop losses and shelter-in-place procedures eligible for funding.

In addition to these legislative efforts, California Farm Bureau continues to work with other industry groups to raise awareness of the impact of natural disasters on agricultural producers, Douglass said. Today, California agricultural groups sent a letter to Congressional leaders urging support for additional natural disaster funding.

## PRODUCTION VALUATION CHANGES 2022 TO 2023

<u>Crop</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Value Change (\$)</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Citrus	149,171,000	132,062,000	17,109,000	13.0%
Tree and Vine	298,806,000	270,078,000	28,728,000	10.6%
Vegetables	378,351,000	328,236,000	50,115,000	15.3%
Field and Seed	157,174,000	159,419,000	(2,245,000)	-1.4%
Nursery	358,175,000	318,683,000	39,492,000	12.4%
Apiculture	6,917,000	5,950,000	967,000	16.3%
Aquaculture	6,735,000	5,749,000	986,000	17.2%
<b>All Agriculture</b>	<b>1,355,329,000</b>	<b>1,220,177,000</b>	<b>135,152,000</b>	<b>11.1%</b>
Livestock and Poultry	185,011,000	270,282,000	(85,271,000)	-31.5%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,540,340,000</b>	<b>1,490,459,000</b>	<b>49,881,000</b>	<b>3.3%</b>

## DISTRICT VALUATIONS - AGRICULTURAL CROPS

<u>District</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Riverside/Corona	126,279,000	135,650,000	136,700,000	137,200,000	148,000,000
San Jacinto/Temecula Valley	148,788,000	165,415,000	166,300,000	167,400,000	212,000,000
Coachella Valley	684,911,000	703,250,000	705,310,000	707,100,000	770,000,000
Palo Verde Valley	209,974,510	216,100,000	210,000,000	214,000,000	228,000,000
<b>Total Crop Valuation</b>	<b>1,169,952,510</b>	<b>1,169,953,000</b>	<b>1,218,310,000</b>	<b>1,225,700,000</b>	<b>1,358,000,000</b>

## ACREAGE STATISTICS

<u>Crop</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Citrus	19,756	18,889	19,400	19,390	19,430
Tree and Vine	21,075	22,506	21,982	20,670	19,261
Vegetable, Melons, Misc.	46,709	40,550	40,978	39,751	39,610
Field and Seed	116,182	127,346	114,382	96,246	94,313
Nursery	5,616	5,624	6,407	6,436	6,558
<b>Total Planted Acreage</b>	<b>209,338</b>	<b>214,915</b>	<b>203,149</b>	<b>182,493</b>	<b>179,172</b>

## TOTAL VALUATION

<u>Crop</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Citrus	121,934,000	126,567,000	127,473,000	132,062,000	149,171,000
Tree and Vine	268,368,000	282,840,000	280,105,000	270,078,000	298,806,000
Vegetable, Melons, Misc.	354,217,000	334,440,000	324,895,000	328,236,000	378,351,000
Field and Seed	141,652,000	156,114,000	135,033,000	159,419,000	157,174,000
Nursery	204,768,000	247,765,000	267,547,000	318,683,000	358,175,000
Apiculture	6,123,000	5,858,000	5,925,000	5,950,000	6,917,000
Aquaculture	4,776,000	4,596,000	4,873,000	5,749,000	6,735,000
<b>Total Crop</b>	<b>1,101,838,000</b>	<b>1,158,180,000</b>	<b>1,145,851,000</b>	<b>1,220,177,000</b>	<b>1,355,329,000</b>
Livestock and Poultry	219,427,000	260,040,000	260,059,000	270,282,000	185,011,000
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>1,321,265,000</b>	<b>1,418,220,000</b>	<b>1,405,910,000</b>	<b>1,490,459,000</b>	<b>1,540,340,000</b>



# TEN LEADING CROPS FOR 2023

Rank	Crop	Value
1st	Nursery Stock	\$358,175,000
2nd	Dates	\$132,480,000
3rd	Eggs	\$106,600,000
4th	Alfalfa	\$102,074,000
5th	Avocados	\$82,833,000
6th	Lemons	\$81,754,000
7th	Bell Peppers	\$77,672,000
8th	Milk	\$62,646,000
9th	Table Grapes	\$45,010,000
10th	Turf Grass	\$37,100,000

## OTHER MILLION DOLLAR COMMODITIES

Crop	Value	Crop	Value	Crop	Value
Carrots	39,737,000	Celery	11,048,000	Canteloupe	3,947,000
Lettuce - Head	30,396,000	Cauliflower	9,370,000	Cabbage	3,785,000
Mandarins/Tangerines	27,160,000	Bermuda Grass	8,299,000	Watermelon	3,528,000
Broccoli	26,649,000	Okra	8,712,000	Green Beans	3,437,000
Oriental Vegetables	26,268,000	Wheat - Grain	7,863,000	Honeydew melon	3,333,000
Wine Grapes	26,235,000	Tomatoes	7,820,000	Kale	3,040,000
Grapefruit	26,062,000	Romaine Lettuce	7,664,000	Sudan Grass	2,760,000
Spinach	21,278,000	Strawberries	6,102,000	Industrial Hemp	2,400,000
Artichokes	17,388,000	Chili peppers	5,453,000	Cotton Seed	2,163,000
Corn - Sweet	12,690,000	Talapia	5,270,000	Honey	2,002,000
Cotton	12,537,000	Eggplant	5,133,000	Rye Grass	1,868,000
Onion - Dry	12,180,000	Pollination	4,875,000	Potatoes	1,856,000
Oranges	12,019,000	Mixed Melons	4,784,000	Corn - Silage	1,448,000
Cattle / Calves	11,449,000	Spices / Herbs	4,421,000	Sheep and Lambs	1,306,000
Alfalfa - Silage	11,088,000	Beets	4,034,000	Wheat	1,288,000

## CALIFORNIA'S LEADING AGRICULTURAL COUNTIES BY TOTAL VALUE OF PRODUCTION

<u>2021</u>			<u>2022</u>		
<u>Rank</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Value (\$)</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Value (\$)</u>
1	Kern	8,341,294,840	1	Tulare	8,612,450,000
2	Tulare	8,089,621,300	2	Fresno	8,095,546,000
3	Fresno	8,086,000,000	3	Kern	7,724,166,300
4	Monterey	4,100,240,000	4	Monterey	4,638,336,000
5	Merced	3,724,451,000	5	Merced	4,562,155,000
6	Stanislaus	3,545,672,000	6	Stanislaus	3,726,482,000
7	San Joaquin	3,193,234,000	7	San Joaquin	3,244,671,000
8	Kings	2,343,144,000	8	Imperial	2,612,578,000
9	Imperial	2,287,312,000	9	Kings	2,594,574,000
10	Ventura	2,085,999,000	10	Ventura	2,127,682,000
11	Madera	2,045,495,000	11	Madera	1,993,331,000
12	Santa Barbara	1,918,186,000	12	Santa Barbara	1,930,445,000
13	San Diego	1,752,999,086	13	San Diego	1,776,799,614
14	Riverside	1,405,910,000	14	Riverside	1,490,459,000

# BUSINESS DIRECTORY

## ATTORNEY/LEGAL SERVICES

### J. Doling Law, PC – (844) 894-4440

Jenny L. Doling, Esq.  
36-915 Cook Street, Suite 101  
Palm Desert, CA 92211  
Website: [www.JDL.law](http://www.JDL.law)

**Services offered:** Represents farming and agriculture clients throughout CA in Chapter 12 Debt Reorganization and other related debt and tax resolution matters. (Serving all of California) FB Member Discount: 10% Discount on attorney fees to all California Farm Bureau Members.

### Jackson Tidus – (949) 851-7409

Michele A. Staples, Esq.  
2030 Main Street, Suite 1500  
Irvine, CA 92614  
Website: [www.jacksontidus.law](http://www.jacksontidus.law)

**Services offered:** Legal services to agricultural landowners including land use, water rights, real estate and environmental law.

## ELECTRICAL

### Sparky's Electric - (951) 279-1722

2440 Crazy Horse Lane  
Norco, CA 92860

**Services offered:** Residential, Commercial, and Industrial Electrical needs. FB Member Discount: 10% Discount when mentioned at time of dispatch.

## EQUESTRIAN

### KingsWay Farm – (951) 312-8704

Terry Paine  
43750 Los Caballos Road  
Temecula, CA 92592

**Services offered:** Boarding, Breeding, and Training. Specializing in 3-day Eventing.

## EQUIPMENT AUCTIONS

### Vantage Auctions, Inc. – (951) 228-9040

521 Silver Street  
Lake Elsinore, CA 92530  
Website: [www.vantageauctions.com](http://www.vantageauctions.com)

**Services offered:** Full-Service Construction and Agricultural Equipment Auction.

## INSURANCE

### Arlan Knutson Insurance – (951) 683-3730

Paula Muskey or Jennifer Bacalia  
P.O. Box 64109  
Irvine, CA 92602  
Website: [www.arlanknutsoninsurance.com](http://www.arlanknutsoninsurance.com)

**Services offered:** Home, Auto, Farm and Commercial Insurance needs. Serving Los Angeles County, Riverside County, San Bernardino County, San Diego County.

## IRRIGATION SYSTEMS

### Rain for Rent – (760) 344-5850

Manuel Gaitan  
3397 CA-86  
Imperial, CA 92251  
Website: [www.rainforrent.com](http://www.rainforrent.com)

### Rain for Rent – (800) 742-7246 Toll Free

6400 Fischer Road  
Riverside, CA 92507  
Website: [www.rainforrent.com](http://www.rainforrent.com)

**Services offered:** Temporary liquid handling solutions including pumps, tanks, filtration, irrigation, and spill containment. The Irrigation store carries most major brands of irrigation supplies and equipment.

## PEST CONTROL & WEED ABATEMENT

### AG IPM – (951) 809-1213

Consulting and Applications  
Richard Zapien  
17130 Van Buren Blvd., #222  
Riverside, CA 92506  
Website: <https://ag-ipm.com>

**Services offered:** Weed Abatement, Pest Control, Farm and Orchard Management. State Licensed and Bonded.

## WINERIES (LOCAL)

Baily Vineyard & Winery  
33440 La Serena Way, Temecula, CA 92591  
Phone Number: (951) 676-9463  
Website: [www.bailywinery.com](http://www.bailywinery.com)

Bel Vino Winery  
3515 Rancho California Rd, Temecula, CA 92591  
Phone Number: (951) 676-6414  
Website: [www.belvinowinery.com](http://www.belvinowinery.com)

Carter Estate Winery and Resort  
34450 Rancho California Rd, Temecula, CA 92591  
Phone Number: (844) 851-2138  
Website: [www.carterestatewinery.com](http://www.carterestatewinery.com)

Danza del Sol Winery  
39050 De Portola Rd, Temecula, CA 92592  
Phone Number: (951) 302-6363  
Website: [www.danzadelsolwinery.com](http://www.danzadelsolwinery.com)

Doffo Winery  
36083 Summitville St, Temecula, CA 92592  
Phone Number: (951) 676-6989  
Website: [www.doffowines.com](http://www.doffowines.com)

Europa Village  
33475 La Serena Way, Temecula, CA 92591  
Phone Number: (951) 506-1818  
Website: [www.europavillage.com](http://www.europavillage.com)

Falkner Winery  
40620 Calle Contento, Temecula, CA 92591  
Phone Number: (951) 676-8231  
Website: [www.falknerwinery.com](http://www.falknerwinery.com)

Foot Path Winery  
36650 Glen Oaks Rd, Temecula, CA 92592  
Phone Number: (951) 265-9951  
Website: [www.footpathwinery.com](http://www.footpathwinery.com)

Gershon Bachus Vintners  
Christina Falik  
37750 De Portola Road, Temecula, CA 92592  
Phone Number: (877) 458-8428  
Website: [www.gershonbachus.com](http://www.gershonbachus.com)

Leoness Cellars  
38311 De Portola Rd, Temecula, CA 92592  
Phone Number: (951) 302-7601  
Website: [www.leonesscellars.com](http://www.leonesscellars.com)

Mount Palomar Winery  
33820 Rancho California Rd, Temecula, CA 92591  
Phone Number: (951) 676-5047  
Website: [www.mountpalomarwinery.com](http://www.mountpalomarwinery.com)

Oak Mountain Winery  
36522 Va Verde, Temecula, CA 92592  
Phone Number: (951) 699-9102  
Website: [www.oakmountainwinery.com](http://www.oakmountainwinery.com)

Palumbo Family Vineyard  
40150 Barksdale Cir, Temecula, CA 92592  
Phone Number: (951) 676-7900  
Website: [www.palumbfamilyvineyards.com](http://www.palumbfamilyvineyards.com)

Peltzer Winery  
40275 Calle Contento, Temecula, CA 92591  
Phone Number: (951) 888-2008  
Website: [www.peltzerwinery.com](http://www.peltzerwinery.com)

Ponte Winery  
35053 Rancho California Rd, Temecula, CA 92591  
Phone Number: (877) 314-9463  
Website: [www.pontewinery.com](http://www.pontewinery.com)

South Coast Winery Resort & Spa  
34843 Rancho California Rd, Temecula, CA 92591  
Phone Number: (951) 566-4622  
Website: [www.southcoastwinery.com](http://www.southcoastwinery.com)

Thornton Winery  
32575 Rancho California Rd, Temecula, CA 92591  
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Website: [www.thorntonwine.com](http://www.thorntonwine.com)

Wiens Family Cellars  
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Wilson Creek Winery  
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# Thank You

**Your commitment to quality and sustainable growing practices has not gone unnoticed. Thank you for your tireless efforts from planting to harvest. Your passion and dedication are appreciated and helped make the 2024 season a success.**



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## RCFB Nominating Committee

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Riverside County Farm Bureau, election of Officers and Directors will be held by the Agricultural (Voting) members at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 10, 2024 at Desert Falls Country Club in Palm Desert, California.

The Nominating Committee recommends the following Board of Directors for election for the 2024/2025 membership year.

**President**  
Ellen Way

**Vice President**  
Andy Wilson

**Vice President**  
Paul Cramer

**Vice President**  
Celeste Alonzo

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Dalton Abrams ~ Linden Anderson ~ Grant Chaffin  
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



There will be no Regular Board of Directors meeting in November or December 2024. The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2025. More details will be announced at a later date.

## Food and Farm News

Courtesy of CFBF

### *‘Brutal’ wine market leaves farms in peril*

A downturn in wine sales worldwide has shaken California’s winegrape sector. After years of growth, U.S. sales have declined for three straight years. The shrinking market has left wineries oversupplied and California’s vineyard acreage out of step with demand. This year, many growers could see their entire crop rot on the vines. “It’s leaving some guys in some very precarious positions,” said Jeff Bitter, president of Allied Grape Growers, a grower-owned marketing group that sells winegrapes for 400 growers across California.

### *State water board increases rates for 2024-25*

To meet budgetary shortfalls for water rights and water quality programs that require participation by farmers and ranchers, the California State Water Resources Control Board has approved rate increases, including for groundwater recharge projects. The higher fees come as California water users and local agencies work to balance critically overdrafted aquifers under the state’s Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. “Farm Bureau is concerned that if the fees are too high, this will be a disincentive to doing the exact sort of recharge that the temporary 180-day and five-year, high-flow diversion permits were intended to do,” said Alexandra Biering, senior policy advocate for the California Farm Bureau.

### *Certifiers among those affected by new organic rules*

New federal rules meant to prevent organic fraud have been praised by organic farmers for helping to protect the integrity of the national organic label. But the rules have also brought unintended consequences as smaller operations struggle to keep up with the new requirements. Those struggling include government agencies that inspect and certify farms to ensure they comply with standards of the National Organic Program.