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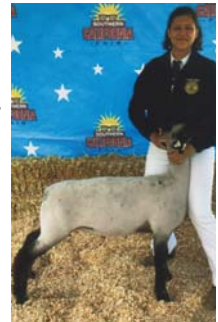
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Southern California Fair, Perris 2018 Jr. Livestock Auction

On Saturday, October 13, 2018, President Richard Schmid participated as an auction buyer at the Southern California Fair’s Junior Livestock Auction on behalf of the Riverside County Farm Bureau and members that donated to our Auction Support Fund. With seven winning bids, the animals purchased were three lambs, one turkey, and three goats on the “Buy Back” program and contributing an “Add-on” price to six animals consisting of one steer and five hogs, spending a total of \$2,000.00 towards those students’ projects.



Each year the Riverside County Farm Bureau participates as an auction buyer to support the auction prices during the Junior Livestock Auction at both the Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival in Indio and the Southern California Fair in Perris. At these fairs, students of 4-H, FFA, Grange, and Independent Exhibitors raise animals as educational projects. They keep records and learn about the costs and challenges of producing food, as well as time management. During fair time they will show

and sell their market animals to the highest bidder at the Junior Livestock Auctions allowing these students to use their profits to start their next animal projects and save for college. The Riverside County Farm Bureau believes that successful auctions will encourage students to continue their interest in agriculture and as well as having a future aspiration of pursuing a career in the agricultural industry.



As with every year, the Riverside County Farm Bureau receives donations to our Auction Support Fund from our members to help with purchasing the market animals at these auctions, but without the donations, the Riverside County Farm Bureau would have only a small amount of funds to contribute.

We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for the gracious donations and say **"Thank You"** to all of you for your continued support.

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Report of the 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 Saturday, November 10, 2018 at the Coachella Valley History Museum in Indio.

The Nominating Committee recommends the following Board of Directors for the 2018 - 2019 membership year.

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38.18 acres SEC Ave. 60/Jackson St., Vista Santa Rosa (Covalda South) - Approximately 678 organic Deglet date trees located on the property and 25 acres open ground.	\$1,266,250
79.45 acres North Avenue 72/East Grant Street, Mecca - Warm farmground. 20 acres of lemons. 15 acres of medjools, 5 acres tall deglets and 6 acres of young offshoot deglets. 30 acres of open farmground.	\$1,400,000
42.94 acres West Pierce St./Avenue 63, Thermal (Chuchian Ranch) - Approximately 2,165 organic Medjool & Deglet date trees located on the property.	\$1,663,776
58.79 acres NEC Avenue 74/Fillmore Street, Oasis - Desirable soil type. 19.55 acres of lemons. 24 acres of young deglets, medjools and zahidis. 15 acres of tall medjools, leaners and voids.	\$1,770,000
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80 acres SWC 71st Avenue/Hayes St., Mecca - Excellent farmground. Warm micro-climate with close proximity to Salton Sea. 15 acres leased to Headstart Nursery on a month to month basis.	\$2,000,000
38.36 acres NEC Ave. 60/Jackson St., Vista Santa Rosa (Covalda Ranch) - Approx. 2,086 organic Medjool, Deglet, Zahidi, Exotic & Abada black date trees located on the property.	\$2,109,800
48.56 acres NWC Pierce St./Ave. 64, Thermal (Larson 64 Ranch) - Approx. 750 organic Deglet Noor & Mixed variety date trees located on the property.	\$2,163,764
74.67 acres North Ave. 76/Expressway 86, Oasis (Kelsey Ranch) - Approx. 4,608 organic Medjool, Deglet, Zahidi and exotic date trees located on the property.	\$2,394,210
54 acres East Jackson St./North Avenue 60, Vista Santa Rosa - 54 acres farmed to alfalfa and approximately 200 Deglet Noor date trees. Bountiful irrigation water & domestic well.	\$2,565,000
109.15 acres East Harrison Street/North Avenue 72, Oasis - Located in the warm area of Oasis. 20 ac of lemons & 10 ac of grapefruit trees. 5 ac of Zahidis & 35 ac of Deglets. 10 ac of Medjools & 2 ac of Barhis. 15 ac of open ground.	\$3,450,000
77.88 acres NWC Avenue 74/Tyler St., Oasis - On warm Oasis slope. 80 feet above sea level. Excellent soil, 2 hot water wells on the property. 4 greenhouse structures - 8 acres each.	\$3,504,600
95.29 acres East Harrison Street/North Avenue 68, Oasis - Located in the desirable warm area of Oasis. 4 acres of Grapefruit, 25 acres of Valencias, 4 acres of Zahidis, 55 acres of Deglets and 3 acres of open farmground.	\$3,600,000
486.45 acres Cerritos & Esperanza Ranch, Blythe - Income producing Lemon ranches in a warm area. Large blocks of citrus with mostly younger trees.	\$5,788,755
226.03 acres West Harrison St./South Avenue 62, Vista Santa Rosa - Three miles from Trilogy, a Shea Homes Golf Community and Andalusia, a luxury gold resort. In the Coachella Valley Water District with one of the lease expensive water rates in the state. Adjacent 1,166 acres also available for a total of 1,392 acres.	\$5,876,780
1,483 acres South I-10/West Stephenson Blvd., Blythe (Valencia Ranch) - Approx. 17,713 Medjool date trees located on the property. Easy access via Interstate 10.	\$23,438,953

Farmground For Lease

19.08 ac SEC Ave 64/Jackson, Vista Santa Rosa - Well needs to be replaced. Owner to consider free rent in exchange for clean up.	\$400/ac/yr
38.9 acres NEC Ave 60/HWY 86, Thermal - Canal water. Owner will consider free rent in exchange for clean up.	\$400/ac/yr
39 acres SEC Ave 61/HWY 86, Thermal - Canal water, previously planted to melons, okra & chinese vegetables.	\$600/ac/yr
50 acres Harrison St./Ave. 50, Coachella - Canal water available.	\$500/ac/yr
79 acres Jackson St./N Ave 60, Vista Santa Rosa - Canal water available.	\$550/ac/yr
115 acres E Monroe/Ave. 57, Vista Santa Rosa - Canal water available. Previously planted to carrots.	\$600/ac/yr
314 acres SEC Ave 62/Jackson, Vista Santa Rosa - Canal water, shop, storage, previously planted to vegetables.	\$600/ac/yr
537 acres S Ave 80/Pierce St., Oasis - Former vineyard. Wells in need of repair. Owner will consider long term lease.	\$500/ac/yr
1100 acres South Ave. 66, Thermal - Canal & well water available. For Lease all or part.	\$700/ac/yr

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2018 SCHOOL TOUR / SUNSHINE DAYS AT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FAIR



The Riverside County Farm Bureau (RCFB) participated in Southern California Fair's school tour / sunshine days on Tuesday, October 9th and again on Friday, October 12th. School children from local communities were invited to spend a day touring the fairgrounds and learn about farm animals and



farming in Riverside County as part of an educational program designed for pre-school – 6th grade. RCFB had a booth located in the animal nursery area of the fairgrounds and handed out the "What's Growin' On?" activity newsletter to teachers and children as they visited and asked farm questions. The children were very enthusiastic and had a lot of great questions for the RCFB staff. With both days combined about 500 children and adults passed by our booth.

The Master gardeners Department from the University of California Cooperative Extension of Riverside County participated at the fair as well and had a beautifully designed display booth. Kudos on a job well done.



The Howie Award Committee met on Friday, October 12th, to determine this year's award recipient. The award recipient will be announced at our 101st Annual Dinner meeting in November. Seated left to right is retired RCFB Executive Director Steve Pastor, RCFB Past Vice President Rodger Siems, RCFB Past President Howard Cherniss, Retired Farm Bureau Water Advisor John Fricker and current RCFB President Richard Schmid.

2018 California Ag in the Classroom Conference, Palm Springs

This year's California Ag in the Classroom Conference (CAITC) was held in September at the Renaissance Palm Springs. The Riverside County Farm Bureau (RCFB) helped sponsor thirteen local teachers for the three day conference. The event featured agriculture tours of local commodities, speakers from the area, a farmer panel, workshops, exhibits and networking. With more than 260 educators and agriculture supporters in attendance, your local RCFB was there too.



RCFB member and local farmer Duane Young was a speaker during part of the event. RCFB Director's Joyce Jong and Brad Scott served on the farmer panel and during the "A Taste of California" dinner they each hosted a table along with RCFB President Richard Schmid.



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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. 6 general election.

	Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No
Proposition 1 – Veterans Housing Bonds Authorizes \$4 billion in general-obligation bonds for construction, rehabilitation and development of housing units.	NO POSITION						X	
Proposition 2 – Shift in Tax Revenue Allows the state to use \$2 billion in revenues from Proposition 63 (also known as the "millionaire tax") for supportive housing of the homeless, chronically homeless and those at risk of chronic homelessness.		X						
Proposition 3 – Water System Enhancements Issues \$8.9 billion in general-obligation bonds for water infrastructure and environmental projects including safe drinking water and water quality projects, watershed and fishery improvements, habitat protection, water conveyance, groundwater storage and sustainability, and improved surface water storage and repair.	X							X
Proposition 4 – Children's Hospital Bonds Authorizes issuance of \$1.5 billion in general-obligation bonds to fund grants for construction, expansion and rehabilitation of children's hospitals.	NO POSITION						X	
Proposition 5 – Property Tax Assessment Transfer Allows California homeowners aged 55 and older to sell their current homes, purchase a replacement property anywhere in California, and transfer the property tax assessment from the home they sold to the home they bought. This initiative would also remove restrictions in existing law that limit the price and location of the replacement property.	X							
Proposition 6 – Fuel Tax Repeal Repeals the fuel and vehicle tax increase recently enacted by the Legislature; also requires any future increase in state fuel and vehicle taxes to be passed by a two-thirds vote of the Legislature and be sent to the voters via an initiative.				X				
Proposition 7 – Daylight Saving Time Authorizes the State Legislature to establish, by two-thirds vote, permanent, year-round daylight saving time in California, provided the federal Uniform Time Act is amended.	NO POSITION							
Proposition 8 – Kidney Dialysis Price Setting Imposes government price setting on critical dialysis clinics, which could lead to closures or reduced access to care for dialysis patients.								X
Proposition 10 – Rent Control Repeals the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act to allow local governments to adopt rent control ordinances to dictate maximum figures landlords may charge for rental apartments and homes. Passage could discourage the construction of new rental units and worsen the existing housing shortage.								X
Proposition 11 – Ambulance Employees Among other provisions, this measure would allow emergency ambulance employees to remain on call during paid break periods.	NO POSITION							
Proposition 12 – Farm Animal Housing Beginning in 2020, bans the sale of meat and eggs from calves raised for veal, breeding pigs, and egg-laying hens confined in areas smaller than a specific number of square feet.								X

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Food and Farm News

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Technology aids livestock and land management

More ranchers have embraced technology to improve their efficiency and manage information. The innovations range from electronic identification systems for livestock to pasture mapping applications to using drones to manage grazing. Later this month, University of California Cooperative Extension will host a Grazing Technology Field Day to showcase technology that helps ranchers oversee land and livestock effectively.

California apple crop to be larger

More apples but fewer pears will come from California farms this season. The U.S. Agriculture Department estimates California apple production will increase 16 percent compared to a year ago. Production will be down in the nation's top-producing state, Washington, leaving the overall apple crop stable. The USDA projects California pear production to be down about 18 percent, due in part to what it called "inconsistent weather" in the growing season.

Trends lead people to spend more on dining out

As people's incomes rise, they tend to eat out more often and, since 2010, Americans have spent more on food away from home than food bought to be cooked at home. Government figures show people spent about \$869 billion on food away from home last year, up 3 percent from the previous year. An American Farm Bureau Federation analyst says the trend means a smaller proportion of overall food spending goes back to farmers and ranchers.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



✦ Nov. 10th - Riverside County Farm Bureau, 101st Annual Dinner Meeting, 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Coachella Valley History Museum, 82616 Miles Avenue, Indio 92201.

✦ **There will be no RCFB Board of Directors meeting in November or December. The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 9, 2019, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Russo's Italian Kitchen in Banning.**

Energy mandates may lead to 'hard decisions'

Updated renewable-energy mandates from the state of California will likely raise costs for farms and agricultural businesses. A California Farm Bureau energy specialist says she expects rates to rise as a result of the mandates, and a spokesman for food processors say they face "hard decisions" because of their dependence on natural gas. The mandates also add impetus to studies by California universities into further renewable-energy use in agriculture.

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