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Membership Meeting

Location: Tehama County Farm Bureau office
275 Sale Lane, Red Bluff
(just down from McDonald's)

Topic:
Pasture Management

Please bring a dish to share for a potluck lunch!
More information at www.ncmga.webs.com

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FARM LEADER: DROUGHT DECLARATION CALLS ATTENTION TO CHRONIC WATER PROBLEMS

In welcoming Gov. Brown's declaration of a drought emergency today, California Farm Bureau Federation President Paul Wenger said he hopes the action will give state agencies increased flexibility to act in people's best interest, and said the federal government should follow the governor's lead in taking immediate action to provide flexibility in regulations that could hinder water transfers.

"Given the unprecedented dry weather we have endured for the past 13 months, it's entirely appropriate for the governor to declare a drought emergency and we appreciate his timely action," Wenger said.

"Farmers across California face wrenching decisions today, as well as in coming months. Will they have enough water to plant crops, to water their livestock, and keep trees and vines alive? An



additional concern is how many people they may have to lay off as a result of water shortages. Any way the state and federal governments can provide assistance in adding water to the system will help," he said.

Wenger said he also hopes the governor's ac-

tion will bring increased attention to the longer-term water supply crisis California faces, which is compounded by population growth, environmental regulations and now, by drought.

"We don't know if this is Year 3 of a three-year drought or Year 3 of a longer drought," he said. (continued on page 2)

"While he leads California through this drought, we urge Governor Brown to lead the campaign for new water storage," Wenger said. "California has continued to improve its water efficiency, both on the farm and at home, but conservation alone won't solve (continued on page 2)

Chico State Sheep and Meat Goat Day February 8—CSU, Chico University Farm

CSU, Chico Sheep and Goat unit invite all 4-H and FFA members, independent showman, producers and those interested in the sheep and meat goat industry to attend this educational day and sale!

Workshops will be held every half hour from 9:30-11:30am. Some workshop titles include: Show lamb/goat nutrition, Project lamb/goat selection, Fitting and grooming, sale management and many more!

There will also be a trade show with vendors such as Shaul's Manufacturing, Glamb Jams, Bar Ale, Inc. Farmers Warehouse and B. True Designs. For more information: 530-898-6024

NCMGA January Meeting

Left: Members listen to a special presentation by Susie Sorenson, CPA with Matson & Isom



Above Right: President Raimer presents Melina DelaLoza with the Intermediate Showman Award.



Below Right: President Raimer presents Camille Pryde with the Herdsman Award.



Not shown: Junior Showman Award - Hannah Gnech and Senior Showman Award - Austin Pryde.



Drive Through Vaccination Clinic

"Down and Dirty", Drive Through, Vaccination Clinic **FOR WORKING DOGS ONLY!** February 15, 9 am to Noon. Specifically for Livestock Guardian Dogs, Herding Dogs or dogs not used to being off the farm. Vaccinations done **AT** the truck or trailer



(dogs **MUST** be restrained by owner at all times). Rabies \$18, DAPP-Lepto \$22, Heartworm Test \$30. Heartworm, Flea and Tick products available. Cash or Checks only, no appointment necessary. Due to the nature of this clinic,

medical issues cannot be addressed. **GET YOUR VACCINATIONS ON BOARD BEFORE YOUR DOGS TUSSLE WITH THE COYOTES THIS SPRING!** They don't have to be washed or pretty, you just have to get them in the truck! Call Antelope Veterinary Hospital in Red Bluff for information at 530-527-4522.

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our chronic water supply problems. California must commit to improve its water system—and new storage, both aboveground and underground, provides more flexibility to respond to more volatile weather patterns. “Wenger noted that California has an opportunity to invest in

new supply by recrafting a water bond scheduled for the ballot this year. “Farm Bureau looks forward to working with the governor and the Legislature to enhance future water supplies and cushion California from future droughts,” he said.



Farm Accounting and Taxes - Schedule F

Notes from the January 11 NCMGA meeting

Susie Sorenson, CPA, with Matson & Isom led the NCMGA members through a simple, yet valuable seminar on the Schedule F. Here are some pointers.

1) Schedule F -

A. Report farm products raised/bought for sale/resale.

B. Cash vs. Accrual Method. Cash method - income is reported in the year received and expenses are deducted in the year paid. Accrual Method - Income is reported in the year earned and expenses are deducted or capitalized in the year incurred.

C. Livestock held primarily for sale must be included in inventory. Livestock held for draft, breeding or dairy purposes can either be depreciated or

included in inventory.

2) What can I deduct?

To be deductible, a business expense must be both ordinary and necessary. An ordinary expense is one that is common and accepted in your trade or business. A necessary expense is one that is helpful and appropriate for your trade or business.



3) Is it a Hobby or a Business?

An activity is presumed "for profit" if it makes a profit in at least three of the last five tax years, including the current year.

The following factors, although not all inclusive, may help you to determine whether your activity is an activity engaged in for profit or a hobby.

1. Does the time and effort put into the activity indicate an intention to make a profit?
2. Do you depend on income from the activity?
3. If there are losses, are they due to circumstances beyond your control or did they occur in the start-up phase of the business?
4. Have you changed methods of operation to improve profitability?
5. Do you have the knowledge needed to carry on the activity as a successful business?
6. Have you made a profit in similar activities in the past?
7. Does the activity make a profit in some years?
8. Do you expect to make a profit in the future from the appreciation of assets used in the activity?

ABGA Update

The December ABGA Board of Directors Meeting in Nashville, TN included several important agenda items. One of particular interest is in regards to DNA Testing of bucks. The motion approved is as follows:

To implement a DNA typing program to be coordi-

nated through ABGA in conjunction with UC Davis. From January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 the program will be voluntary. Beginning January 1, 2015 DNA typing will be mandatory for all bucks (registered or unregistered) used in live coverage after January 1, 2015, all bucks born after January 1,

2015, or for any semen collected after January 1, 2015 before any offspring can be registered.

To view the complete set of minutes from the December ABGA meeting, go to <http://www.abga.org/minutes.php>

Drought Workshop

With the worsening drought conditions, the University of California has organized a meeting on January 29 entitled "Mitigating Drought - Optimizing Pasture and Supplemental Feed and Managing Risk." The meeting is designed

to provide ranchers with information to assist them managing their herd during periods of low feed supply. The meeting will be held at the UC Sierra Foothill Research and Exten-



sion Center in Browns Valley. For those that cannot attend, the program will be broadcast on the web. To register to attend or register for the webcast go

to <http://ucanr.org/sites/sfrec/>

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Help Line Volunteers:

These volunteers are experienced producers, they are NOT veterinarians. They would be happy to help and advise you if they can.

Rosalinda Vizina: (916) 687-8030
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President's Message By: Kristine Raimer

Hope this finds everyone happy, healthy and hoping for rain!!!

I know this is a busy time for a lot of producers, especially since many of us are in the middle of kidding season. All of us do our best to keep our animals warm and healthy

during this usually cold time of year. However, we also need to remember to take care of ourselves during cold and flu season too, remembering we have livestock that depend on us for all of their nutritional, medical and daily needs.

Whatever you

The Association

The mission: To educate the public about goats and goat meat.

The goal: To locate markets for goat meat and get as many breeders in contact with one another so we can all work together in continued growth of the industry.

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were doing to make it rain, PLEASE keep doing it. Since we are in a major drought this year, your Board of Directors has come up with some great meeting topics for 2014. Hope you can join us in April for Pasture Management.