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Happy Thanksgiving!

November 22, 2010

CalCAN Summit

About a week ago we sent out a survey asking for your input on our March 2011 Climate and Agriculture Summit. At last count we had already received over 80 responses! This is very encouraging, and we are grateful for this level of engagement. Your input will help us shape the summit to reflect your interests.

There is still time to send your ideas. Here's the link:
[Summit Survey](#)

Mark your calendars - the Summit is tentatively scheduled for March 31, 2011 at UC Davis. We'll send out details and registration information in January.

Midterm Election Debrief

If you haven't read our two blog postings on the midterm election results and what they mean for California agriculture, here they are:

[State election results: Impacts on agriculture and climate change](#)

[2010 Federal Elections: Results from Ag Perspective](#)

(thanks to the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition for permission to repost their federal debrief)

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Gro undbreaking Fetzer Study Measures Carbon

A new study of carbon sequestration on 1,322 acres of Fetzer Vineyards vineyard and wild land in Mendocino County could make the chemical element a huge resource for the wine industry under California's evolving greenhouse-gas emissions accounting system.

Owners of vineyard property should get carbon-capturing credit for leaving parts of the property undeveloped for soil-friendly viticultural techniques such as composting, mulching and cover cropping, according to U.C. Davis researcher Louise Jackson, Ph.D.

"There are huge stocks of carbon in these landscapes," she said. "There's no incentive to avoid land conversion in agriculture."

To read the full story, click [here](#).

The study has been submitted but not yet published in a peer-reviewed journal.



Air Resources Board Hearing on California's Cap-and-Trade Program Design

On October 29, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) released a lengthy set of [proposed cap-and-trade rules](#) to reduce the state's greenhouse gas emissions. This is part of the implementation plan for AB 32, the state's clean energy law, which mandates a reduction in greenhouse gasses to 1990 levels by the year 2020. The cap-and-trade component of the law will be responsible for about 20 percent of the total greenhouse gas reductions required by AB 32.

CalCAN is reviewing the lengthy set of rules and will provide testimony at the upcoming CARB hearing on Dec. 16/17 in Sacramento. Our priority is to ensure that a portion of the potential revenue generated from CARB's new rules provide California's farmers and ranchers with the appropriate resources to cope with climate change, including research, technical assistance, and financial incentives that support sustainable agricultural solutions to climate change mitigation and adaptation.

CARB votes on the rules at their meeting on December 16/17. If you wish to provide comment, you can do so [electronically](#) by Dec. 15, or in person at the hearing.

Upcoming Events



EcoFarm Conference

January 26 - 29, 2011

Asilomar Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove, CA

Early bird registration ends Dec. 3rd.

For over three decades, EcoFarm's flagship event has brought food system stakeholders together for education, networking and celebration.

For more information: <http://www.eco-farm.org/programs/efc/>



California Small Farm Conference

"Small Farms, Bright Futures"

March 6 - 8, 2011

San Jose, CA

The conference has tracks focused on production, marketing, farmers' markets, and hot topics.

For more information:

<http://www.californiafarmconference.com/>



California Rangeland Conservation Coalition Summit

"Beyond Conventional Ranching"

January 19, 2011

Modesto, CA

Learn what today's ranchers are doing for California's natural resources and how grazing is an important landscape management tool.

For more information: <http://www.carangeland.org/home/2011summit.html>

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