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Industry Calendar

Sept 3
Supima Annual
Meeting—
Harris Ranch

Sept 9
Grower Board
Meeting—
Fresno

Sept 16
Ginners Board
Meeting—
Fresno

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for details)

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2015 Regional Whitefly Meeting Wrap Up

In partnership with University California's Cooperative Extension, California Cotton Ginners and Growers hosted four Regional Whitefly Meetings throughout the Central Valley. Located in



Larry Godfrey speaking at our Whitefly meeting

Shafter, Hanford, Tranquility and Five Points, growers, ginners and pest control advisors were invited to learn of the latest reports on management, development and control of whitefly in cotton. This discussion is meant to aid the common goal of maintaining quality California Cotton and preventing sticky cotton. Dr. Peter Goodell discussed the pests and the resulting damage caused by sugar deposits. Dr. Larry Godfrey talked about the monitoring methods and management assessment of whiteflies and aphids. Dr. Bob Hutmacher, reviewed the best management agronomy practices that growers could use to combat the pests. In addition to these talks a representative from the respective county Agricultural Commissioner's spoke on the "permitted conditions" for the use of Chlorpyrifos since as of July 1st it is a California Restricted Use material.

2015 Annual PIE Tour Visits the Central Valley

The National Cotton Council held its annual Producer Information Exchange (PIE) this past week. This program gives an opportunity for cotton growers around the nation to visit other regions within the United States to see how production agriculture works. Attending this year's trip were growers from Georgia, Alabama, and Virginia. The trip is sponsored by Bayer Crop Science, and the attendees are guided through California by Mike Brueggemann from the National Cotton Council. The tour was kicked off with a visit to the California Cotton Ginners and Growers Association office, with an industry update from President/CEO Roger Isom. The tour included site visits to Terra Nova Ranches with Don Cameron, a tour of Gilkey Enterprises with Kirk Gilkey and other Corcoran-area growers, as well as site visits to Kirschmann Farms, and Ingomar Packing. The group was also able to stop and see some experimental work being conducted by UC Davis Cooperative Extension at the Fresno Facility. The PIE Tour has been an integral part of displaying California's effectiveness in growing a wide variety of crops. Many of the participants



Don Cameron, Terranova Ranch speaks to the tour

this year were surprised to hear of the diversification that many area growers have on the west coast. We look forward to participating in future tours and regulatory and legislative updates to fellow Cotton growers.

CCGGA Begins New Advocacy Campaign, You Advocate at the Click of a Button

Using the system GrassRoots On Call, members of CCGGA can now be involved more than ever and all it will take is the click of a button! In the coming weeks you will receive an email from President/CEO Roger Isom asking you to begin your involvement in our GrassRoots On Call advocacy campaign. By following the instructions, inputting your contact information, company letterhead and a few sentences about your company and yourself you will be registered into our system. From there, when issues and regulatory matters require participation, a call from Roger's phone number or an email on his behalf will contact you asking if you want to join the Association in opposing/supporting the given issue by pressing 1) for yes or 2) for no. If you choose to oppose/support by pressing 1) a letter will be generated, written by CCGGA staff, on your behalf including your company's letterhead and bio on the issue. To avoid multiples of the same letter, multiple paragraphs will be written so they can generate variations on the letter. This new tool will help CCGGA gather power in numbers in tackling the issues and legislation that have the most impact on you! Be on the lookout for the upcoming email. If you have any questions, would like further information or need assistance once you receive the email please contact Jodi Raley at 559-252-0684 or jodi@ccgga.org.

Research on Brown Stink Bug in Southern California is Underway

Two years ago, the Brown Stink Bug made its way into Southern California cotton...in a big way. Yield loss up to a bale per acre was experienced in the Palo Verde Valley in 2013. After a relatively light year in 2014, the Brown Stink Bug has appeared in large numbers once again. Back in 2013, the California Cotton Ginners and Growers Association filed for a Section 24c Special Local Needs (SLN) ap-



Brown Stink Bug Trap



A green flag marks a particular row of cotton being treated for Brown Stink Bug

plication for Bidrin, a pesticide that is registered in all other cotton growing states and proven

effective against the Brown Stink Bug. The 24c application is still in the works, and the California Department of Pesticide Regulation has yet to finalize its review. Meanwhile, the California Cotton Growers Association has funded a research project in the Palo Verde Valley to look at minimizing the movement of brown stink bug into the cotton field. This work is being conducted by **Dr. Vonny Barlow** of University of California Cooperative Extension in Blythe. In addition, Dr. Barlow is also conducting efficacy trials on several different pesticides, including Bidrin, to which products work the best in controlling the Brown Stink Bug. These trials are being conducted at **Chaffin Farms** in the Palo Verde Valley. Just this past week, a visit to the Palo Verde Valley revealed significant damage to cotton from the presence of Brown Stink Bug. In some fields, up to 100% of the bolls have been damaged by Brown Stink Bug, with 30% to 40% affected in most fields. The Brown Stink Bug has become common in the southeastern United States and in Arizona. A solution is needed soon to curb the spread of this devastating pest. This project is part of a collaborative research effort of the California Cotton Industry Research Committee (CCIRC) that includes the California Cotton Alliance, California Cotton Growers Association and Cotton Incorporated. This collaborative effort helps to stretch precious research dollars as far as possible and on the most important issues facing the California cotton grower.

Ninth Circuit Upholds Ag Exemption for Minor Agricultural Sources

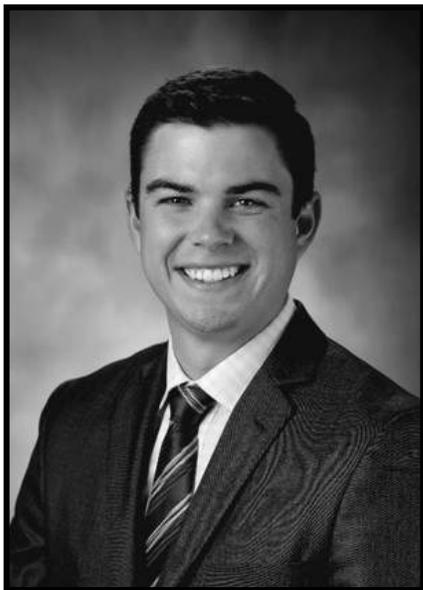
In an important ruling, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals has upheld U.S. EPA's correction of its previous approval of the San Joaquin Valley Air District's (SJVAPCD) New and Modified Source Review Rule (NSR). The court ruled that EPA had the authority under the Clean Air Act to correct its previous approval of the SJVAPCD's NSR Rule to make it

consistent with state law, which restricts the SJVAPCD and any other air district from enacting NSR on “minor” agricultural sources. This issue was brought to the court’s attention by the Association of Irrigated Residents (AIR) who filed the challenge in the Ninth Circuit. Had the Court not ruled in EPA’s favor, minor agricultural sources in the San Joaquin Valley and other areas of the state would have been subject to NSR and had to provide offsets for any increase in emissions and apply Best Available Control Technology to any new or modified source that resulted in more than a two (2) pound per day increase of emissions.

OEHHA Proposes Safe Harbor Level for Triazine Pesticides Under Prop. 65

The deadline for comments has just passed for the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) and their proposed listing of six triazine pesticides and their breakdown components under Proposition 65. OEHHA has proposed a single safe harbor level of 100 micrograms/day for all six pesticides. One of the chemicals is simazine, used as a herbicide on numerous crops including tree nuts. The six chemicals had been listed as both developmental and female reproductive toxicants under Prop. 65. A “safe harbor level” is the level of a chemical that a person may be exposed to with creating a significant risk, which would in turn require a Prop. 65 warning by the person doing the exposure.

Association’s McGlothlin Appointed to Air District Advisory Committee



The Fresno County Board of Supervisors has appointed the Association’s Director of Technical Services **Christopher McGlothlin** to a three year term on the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District’s **Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)**. **McGlothlin** will serve as the position as the “Industry Alternate” for Fresno County. The CAC consists of 24 primary

and 24 alternate members. There is one unpaid representative each for the Industry/Ag, Environmental and City interest groups in Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera,

Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tulare counties. The CAC meets monthly and for the purpose of facilitating public input relating to the actions and decisions of the District. This includes providing input on proposed District rules and regulations, District funding sources, study special subjects at the request of the Governing Board and provide recommendations or input on those subjects. This is another shining example of the Association’s level of involvement on critical regulatory and legislative issues affecting our industry!

Haz Comm Training Comes To A Close

The special Hazard Communication Training conducted by the California Cotton Ginners and Growers Associations,

Western Agricultural Processors Association (WAPA), The Zenith, and CalOSHA Consultation came to a close



Attendees listen intently to Patricia Vasquez of The Zenith covering Safety Aspects of Hazard Communication.

this past month with training sessions at **Hart Farms** and **North Valley Nut** in Orland California. Over 150 attendees participated in the English and Spanish Training. The training was funded in part by the **Agricultural Safety and Health Council of America (ASHCA)**. It covered the rules and regulations governing Hazard Communication and how it applies to tree nut hullers and processors, as well as the safety aspects. In addition, CCGGA and WAPA personnel covered the “hands on” portion of the class walking participants through creating a label for secondary containers. CCGGA and WAPA would like to thank and recognize all of the speakers and contributors who helped make this special training such a success. In particular, WAPA wants to recognize The Zenith and CalOSHA Consultation for helping develop the curriculum and for providing the speakers, as well as our own staff who conducted the “hands on” portion of the training. WAPA training staff included Irma Ramirez, Elda Brueggemann, and Roger Isom. Furthermore, we would like to thank our host sites who graciously donated their facilities for the training including **Semi Tropic Almond Huller, Nisei Farmers League, Western Agricultural Processors Association/California Cotton Ginners and Growers Associations, Hughson Nut, Hart Farms and North Valley Nut.**

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Supima's 61st Annual Meeting

Supima's 61st Annual Meeting scheduled at Harris Ranch on **Thursday, September 3rd.**

9-11:00 am – Registration

9:30 -10:45 a.m. – WCSA Annual Meeting

10:45-11:00 a.m. – Short break

11:00-12:30 p.m. – Supima's 61st Annual Meeting

12:30-1:30 p.m. – Buffet Luncheon

Supima looks forward to updating its membership with an overview of exciting new, current and future activities.

Please complete the attached registration form and either email directly to nancy@supima.com or fax to (602) 792-

6004. In addition, online registration is available at www.supima.com. Please take time to register for proper planning.



61ST SUPIMA ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2015 – HARRIS RANCH INN, COALINGA, CA
REGISTRATION – 9:00 A.M. / MEETING – 11:00 A.M.

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