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Industry Calendar

July 31—Aug 1-2
Grower Owned Gins
Mtg—
Lake Tahoe, NV

Aug 29—
Supima Annual Mtg—
Harris Ranch

Sept 12—
Growers Board Mtg—
Fresno

Sept 20—
Ginners Board Mtg—
Fresno

*(Visit web calendar
for details)*

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Greg Gillard Named Ginners Chairman

Greg Gillard, General Manager for Olam Cotton's California Division, assumed the role of Chairman of the California Cotton Ginners Association during the Annual Industry Meeting in Pismo Beach recently. Greg spent 11 years in the cattle feedlot business prior to beginning his career in the



cotton business in 1990 managing the cotton planting seed operation for Producers Cotton Oil Co. and Anderson Clayton. He became the Cottonseed Trader in 2000 and has since been marketing the seed from Olam's California and Arizona ginning operations. Greg also trades U.S. export cottonseed from the Southeast into the Japanese and Korean markets, as well as trading seed in the Texas, Mid-South and Southeast truck markets. He has been managing Olam's California cotton gins since 2009. Greg is an active participant in the cottonseed and ginning industries and is also currently the President of the National Cottonseed and Feed Association. He is a Ginner Delegate to the National Cotton Ginners Association and a board member of the California Cotton Ginners and will serve as the Ginners Association Chairman for the next two years. Greg also serves as an Advisor to the California Cotton Growers Association's board of directors. Congratulations Greg!

Association Partners to Host Critical Air Resources Board Ag Tour

In an effort to educate the staff of the California Air Resources Board in charge of the upcoming Farm Equipment Regulation, the **California Cotton Ginners and Growers Associations, Western Agricultural Processors Association, Nisei Farmers League and California Citrus Mutual** conducted a two day tour at several locations throughout the San Joaquin Valley. The purpose was to show them the tremendous diversity in farming and farm equipment, and to discuss issues surrounding the yet to be developed Farm Equipment Regulation. Involved in the tour were six of the ARB staff in charge of developing the Farm Equipment Regulation, as well as three people from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District. ARB Board member **Dorene D'Adamo** joined the tour on the second day. Sites that were visited by the group included



Association Members Jean and Dan Errotabere explaining their farming operations to ARB and SJVAPCD staff.

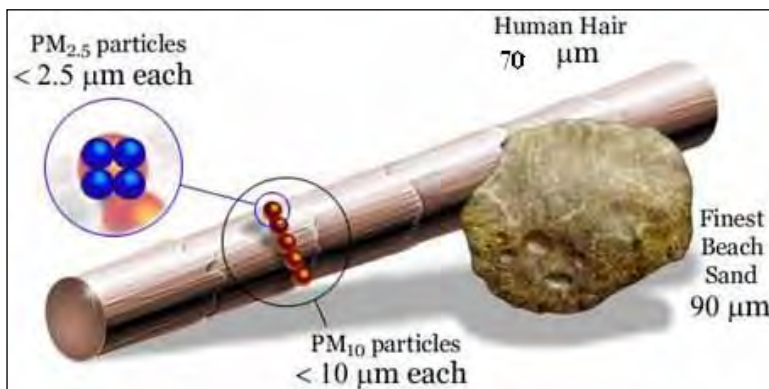
Errotabere Ranches, Del Bosque Farms, and Terranova Farms. ARB staff indicated that the first workshops on the regulation will be held sometime in September or October. The Association will be monitoring this closely and will be heavily involved.

Association Testifies at PM2.5 Workshop

Executive Vice President Roger Isom, of the California Cotton Ginners and Growers Associations (CCGGA), testified at the second round of workshops conducted by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District on the latest draft of the PM2.5 State Implementation Plan (SIP). The Association focused the comments on importance of the incentive programs for equipment replacement, including tractors and irrigation pumps, as well as ongoing deficiencies in the PM2.5 emissions inventory. Of importance to the Association was the lack of additional regulations on fugitive dust. This was a major concern, and at this point, it doesn't appear that the SJVAPCD will propose any additional fugitive dust requirements or further controls on cotton gins. The next draft of the plan should be out in August.

EPA Proposes Changes to PM Standards

Based on its review of the air quality criteria and the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for particulate matter (PM), the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to make revisions to the primary and secondary NAAQS for PM. This announcement brings good news and bad news to California. First, the



bad news...with regard to primary standards for fine particles (particles less than or equal to 2.5 micrometers (μm) in diameter, PM2.5), the EPA is proposing to revise the annual PM2.5 standard by lowering the level to within a range of 12.0 to 13.0 micrograms per cubic meter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$), so as to provide increased protection against health effects associated with long- and short-term expo-

sure and to retain the 24-hour PM2.5 standard. If adopted this would place even more emphasis on controlling NOx emissions from combustion related equipment, including farm tractors. As for the good news... with regard to the primary standard for particles generally less than or equal to 10 μm in diameter (PM10), the EPA proposes to retain the current 24-hour PM10 standard to continue to provide protection against effects associated with short-term exposure to thoracic coarse particles (i.e., PM10-2.5).

This means we shouldn't see any additional fugitive dust type regulations. Comments are due over the next few weeks, and the Association will be weighing in with the National Cotton Council.

WAPA Recognized by Central California Almond Growers Association

The Western Agricultural Processors Association (WAPA) and its staff were recognized recently by one of its distinguished members, the Central California Almond Growers Association, at its 49th Annual Meeting in Fresno this past month. Citing the hard work and dedication of the Association's staff, as well as over \$170,000 in additional air quality incentive payouts due to WAPA's efforts, Central California Almond Growers Association presented the award to WAPA President/CEO Roger Isom, Vice President Casey Creamer and Director of Environmental and Safety Services Elda Brueggemann.

CA to Host Southeast Producers

The 2012 Producers Information Exchange (PIE) program continues this year with Bayer CropScience's sponsorship through the National Cotton Council.

Producers from the Southeast will be visiting California beginning on Monday July 23rd.

For more information on tour plans and events contact Mike Brueggemann at (559) 696-6823 or mbruegge-mann@cotton.org.

California Cotton Acres – 2012

California cotton acres for 2012 are down from 2011 as predicted, but not as much as recently thought after poor water supply forecasts and falling prices.

CCGGA's annual survey indicated total acres statewide at 360,000 acres, down 20.7% from the 454,000 acres in 2011. Estimates on pima for 2012 are 225,000 acres, down 17.6% from 2011's 273,000 acres. Upland acres saw a 25.7% decline from 2011's 181,600 acres to

135,000 acres for 2012. Pink Bollworm program numbers following their first mapping indicated total acres for 2012 at 366,480 acres, or a 19.27% decline from 2011's 454,000 acres. The breakdown by acres indicated, 344,765 acres for the SJV, 18,015 acres for Southern California and Northern California with no Pink Bollworm estimates at this time. There are no numbers on pimas vs. uplands from the Pink Bollworm Program's 1st mappings. Those numbers will come with the next mapping with results available in early to mid August hopefully. SJV and Southern California breakdowns by county are as follows.

SJV	2012	2011	
Kern	55,815	67,370	-17.15%
Kings	112,305	132,895	-15.48%
Tulare	20,815	29,625	-29.7%
Fresno	102,700	140,845	-27.01%
Merced	52,040	55,615	-6.43%
Madera	1,090	5,475	-80.10%
Total	344,765		
Southern CA			
Imperial	3,820	5,870	-35%
Riverside	14,065	13,210	+6.5%
San Bernardino	130	120	+8.3%
Total	18,015		

No estimates for Northern California at this time from Pink Bollworm, but CCGGA survey indicating approximately 3,700 acres for 2012 or an estimated 5% down from Pink Bollworm's 3,895 acres for 2011.

Farm Reporting Reminders from FSA

(Davis, CA) - June 28, 2012 — Val Dolcini, State Executive Director for USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) in California reminds producers that the 2012 annual crop certification deadline is July 15, 2012. By that date, producers need to file an accurate report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting.

"I encourage all producers to visit their local County FSA office to file an accurate crop certification report by the

July 15 deadline in order to comply with FSA program eligibility requirements," said Dolcini. Acreage reports on crops covered by Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) should be filed in the county office the earlier of July 15, 2012 or no later than 15 calendar days before the onset of harvest or grazing of the specific crop acreage being reported.

To report prevented or failed acreage, producers must complete Form CCC-576, Notice of Loss for interested crops. Reporting prevented or failed acreage to FSA will ensure compliance with current farm programs, and possible eligibility for future disaster programs. If a producer misses the reporting deadline for prevented planting, they may still report prevented planting acreage as long as the disaster condition may be verified by a field visit.

Note that due to budget constraints, FSA can no longer mail regular newsletters. Producers are encouraged to provide their email address to the local FSA office to receive monthly newsletters and updates via email. Producers may contact their local county FSA office if they have any questions about reporting requirements or visit www.fsa.usda.gov/ca and see *Important Dates* under *Hot Links*.

Summary of upcoming FSA deadlines for farmers and ranchers:

1. July 15 – Report / certify spring seeded crops, CRP and NAP acreages
 2. August 1 – Nominations due for FSA County Committees.
 3. August 1 – FY 2012 requests re: farm combination and/or farm division (base acre farms)
 4. August 1 – FY 2013 NAP application closing date for multiple plantings
 5. Prevented Planting: report no later than 15 calendar days after final planting.
- Failed Acreage: report within 15 days of disaster or when loss is first apparent and before disposition. For NAP, report loss on CCC-576.

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Meeting Reminder

The Annual meeting of the California Association of Grower Owned Gins is returning to Harvey's Lake Tahoe Resort this year. The meeting dates are Tuesday, July 31st through Thursday August 2nd, 2012. Chairman

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Louie Colombini has lined up great program for what promises to be informative and fun for all that attend. Still time to make plans! For more information contact Louie Colombini at (559) 698-7221.



Long-term Irrigated Lands Program Heating Up

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board released the very first draft waste discharge requirement for the Long-term Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program back in late April. The East San Joaquin River draft, which the Association hosted a meeting on and submitted comments along with several other leading ag organizations, outlined what is likely to be pushed for by the Central Valley Regional Board staff for all coalition areas. First and foremost, growers who are not currently enrolled in the Irrigated Lands program through a coalition group, will now need to apply for coverage. There are absolutely no exemptions in the current draft! If you

apply water to ag land, you are in the program even if you are a one acre grower. Secondly, **certified** annual nitrogen budgets will need to be completed for growers in high risk areas. Growers would no longer be able apply nutrients without consulting and getting approval from a Certified Crop Advisor, Professional soil Scientist, Professional Agronomists, or Technical Service Providers certified by NRCS. These "high risk" areas currently encompass nearly half of the irrigated acreage in the region. Growers outside of the high risk areas would still have to complete the Annual Nitrogen Budgets without the certification requirement. All growers would be required to complete Farm Evaluation Plans. Additionally, according the Regional Board's own economic analysis, cost impacts to growers from the burdens onsite and costs at the coalition level could reach **\$189/acre!** The Board held a workshop in June in Rancho Cordova on the East San Joaquin River draft and are expected to vote on the order at their October 4/5, 2012 meeting. Regional board staff are currently drafting waste discharge requirements for the other coalition areas and are expecting to release a draft order for the South San Joaquin in the coming days. Stay Tuned!