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## Virulent Newcastle Disease (VND)

Virulent Newcastle disease (VND), formerly known as Exotic Newcastle Disease, is a serious, highly contagious viral disease that can affect poultry and other birds. In rare cases, humans that have exposure to infected birds may get eye inflammation or mild fever-like symptoms. These signs generally resolve without treatment, however, medical care should be sought if symptoms persist. Infection is easily prevented by using standard personal protective equipment. Virulent Newcastle disease is not a food safety concern. No human cases of Newcastle disease have ever occurred from eating poultry products. Properly cooked poultry products are safe to eat.

The virus is found in respiratory discharges and feces and may cause high rates of sickness and death in susceptible birds. For poultry, chickens are most susceptible and ducks and geese are the least susceptible. Mortality rates for Psittacine birds (parrots) can range from zero up to 75%. Certain parrots, especially Amazon parrots, can shed VND virus intermittently in excess of one year. Other birds may be infected, but may not show any symptoms and may still be able to spread the disease. Once VND is introduced into domestic avian populations, subsequent spread is normally caused by domestic bird-to-bird contact or through contact with contaminated people, feed or equipment. Other types of Newcastle disease known as lentogenic and mesogenic are less virulent and may cause mild symptoms or none at all.

There is no effective cure for virulent Newcastle Disease. It is important that all commercial and non-commercial poultry owners maintain effective barriers to mitigate the risk of VND.

Biosecurity tips for commercial poultry owners can be found [https://www.cdffa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal\\_Health/BioSpecies/CommercialPoultryBiosecurity.html](https://www.cdffa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal_Health/BioSpecies/CommercialPoultryBiosecurity.html).

For Backyard and non-commercial poultry owners, biosecurity tips can be found [https://www.cdffa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal\\_Health/BioSpecies/BioPoultry.html](https://www.cdffa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal_Health/BioSpecies/BioPoultry.html).

### \*\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\*\*

**There will be no RCFB Board of Directors meeting in July or August.**

**The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 12, 2018, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Russo's Restaurant in Banning.**

**The Executive Committee will meet in August. Time and location to be announced later.**

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## **Welcome New Members**

**We would like to "Thank You" for becoming part of the Farm Bureau Family.**

## **William Richard Cramer**

William Richard Cramer of Anaheim, California passed away on June 20, 2018 at the age of 86. Richard is survived by his wife Mary, his son William Cramer and daughter Christina Smith; grandchildren, Paul Cramer, Cheryl Miller, Louise Van Horn, Rode Cramer, Percy Cramer and Cian Smith; great grandchildren Miriam Miller and Juliette Miller. He is predeceased by his wife Carole, sons David, John and daughter Carolyn Faurot.

Richard was born in Anaheim, California on July 25, 1931 to parents Olin and Ruth. He graduated from Anaheim Union High School in 1949 and received his B.A. from Claremont McKenna (Men's) College in 1953. During college he served two years in the California Air National Guard. He married Carole Furman in 1952. They were married 45 years until Carole died in 1997. He then married his current wife Mary Eisen and they have been together for 20 years.

Shortly after college graduation, Richard became a member of the family business having farms that produced eggs for stores in Orange and Los Angeles Counties. Over time this business grew to include Star Milling Co. in Perris, CA that was owned through a partnership between Richard and the Eisen family of Norco Ranch, a large producer and marketer of eggs in southern California. Richard was acknowledged as a leader in the animal feed and egg production industries and was awarded "Farmer of the Year - Poultry" by the California Department of Food and Agriculture in 1959. There were many other agricultural and business enterprises that Richard had ownership in, including Goose Creek Golf Club in Jurupa Valley, CA, Orchard Egg Farms in Anaheim and Manchester Feeds in Arizona. He also served as chairman for Orange County Farm Bureau from 1956 to 1959.

Richard also had many interests outside of his business life. These included being an active Trustee of Claremont McKenna College from 1987 to 2006. Richard has also been a leader in many civic and community organizations, past and present as a Board Member of Bowers Museum, a founding donor to the Segerstrom Center for the Arts in Costa Mesa, Lincoln Club, Valley Group in Riverside County, Peralta Hills Water Board, the Rose Institute in Claremont, CA, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Orange and many others. He was also an active hunter and naturalist with memberships in the Shikar Safari Club and Safari Club International. Richard was an avid SCUBA diver with over 100 dives. These activities allowed him to travel the world extensively into his 80's.

There will be a private interment for the family and close friends at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier, CA. There will also be a celebration of the life of Richard Cramer at Goose Creek Golf Club on a date and time to be determined.

# Howie Award Nomination Form

I nominate (name of candidate for Howie Award):

Your name and telephone number:

Because (why should your candidate receive the Howie Award) (use extra pages or attach resume/supporting information if available):

**Deadline for Nomination Form is  
August 1, 2018.**

*Send your nomination to:*

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Over the course of many years, the Farm Bureau has contributed to the Junior Livestock Auction and a large portion of that comes from members like you.

Your money that is donated to the **Auction Support Fund** will go directly towards the purchasing of animals at the Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival and the Southern California Fair. These animals are entered into the Junior Livestock Auction by the members of the Future Farmers of America (FFA), 4-H, and Grange students.

With all of the choices children have today, the FFA, 4-H, and Grange are wonderful activities worth supporting. These organizations teach young people important life skills, including time management, financial responsibility, and the importance of caring for others.

FFA, 4-H, and Grange students that profit from these auction sales use the funds to start their next animal project and to start saving for college.

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### USDA Supports Local Foods in Schools through Farm to School Grants

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) announced \$5.2 million in grant awards to bring nutritious, local foods into schools and create new economic opportunities for farmers. The grants, part of the USDA Farm to School Program, will impact over 6,000 schools and 2.8 million students nationwide.

“USDA is committed to helping our children build bright futures with good nutrition,” said Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services Brandon Lipps. “These grants expose students to the local foods and the importance of agriculture, while supporting American farmers in both urban and rural economies.”

This year, FNS is awarding grants to 73 projects across 43 states, the District of Columbia and Guam. This brings the total USDA investment in Farm to School Grants to over \$25 million across 350 farm to school projects since the program began in 2013.

The grants have been proven to produce positive outcomes for schools and communities alike. For example, the Oneida Indian Nation used its 2016 Farm to School grant to invest in an aquaponics system that enables the harvest of lettuce and tilapia, which will be used in school meals at Oneida Nation High School.

“From pre-K to high school, farm to school programs benefit everyone from students and teachers to parents and producers,” said Lipps. “Connecting people to their food builds stronger ties to

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The Farm to School Grants are competitively available to eligible schools, state and local agencies, Indian tribal organizations, agricultural producers, and non-profit entities. Funds may be used for training, supporting operations, planning, purchasing equipment, developing school gardens, cultivating partnerships, and implementing farm to school programs. For more information visit <https://www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool/farm-school-grant-program>.

USDA’s Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) administers 15 nutrition assistance programs, including the National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, the Summer Food Service Program, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, which together comprise America’s nutrition safety net.

### Did You Know? Food and Farm Facts

- Many of the products we use in our everyday lives are by-products of food produced by America’s farmers and ranchers – everything from detergents and paints to X-ray film and crayons, textbooks, chalk and strings for musical instruments.
- An acre of land is about the same size as a football field.
- One day’s production for a high-producing dairy cow yields 10.5 pounds of cheese.
- Farmers will have to grow 70 percent more food than what is currently produced to feed the world’s growing population by 2050.
- Eight percent of U.S. farms market foods locally through farmers’ markets and food hubs.
- More than 20 percent of all farmers are beginning farmers.
- One-third of the U.S. or 750 million acres, is covered with trees.



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# Do you have 25 or more citrus trees?



*Learn the importance of managing the Asian citrus psyllid to save your community's citrus*

The Citrus Pest & Disease Prevention Program is calling on property owners with citrus acreage to join a collaborative effort to save California citrus from the deadly plant disease Huanglongbing. The disease kills citrus trees, has no cure and is present in Southern California. The best way to protect your citrus trees, your neighbor's citrus trees and nearby citrus groves is to stop the Asian citrus psyllid, which can spread the disease from tree to tree as it feeds. Any property that contains 25 or more citrus trees is considered a commercial property and is subject to commercial citrus protocols.



## You Play a Critical Role

By working together, we can all save our community's citrus.

- Treat your citrus trees for the Asian citrus psyllid. Visit the University of California website [UCANR.edu/sites/ACP](http://UCANR.edu/sites/ACP) for treatment recommendations.
- Follow quarantine rules when transporting citrus plants, fruit, leaves or cuttings. View quarantine information and maps at [CDFA.ca.gov/plant/ACP](http://CDFA.ca.gov/plant/ACP).
- Stay informed. Commercial citrus property owners are encouraged to visit [CitrusInsider.org](http://CitrusInsider.org) and contact their regional grower liaison.
- Remove unwanted citrus trees. If you no longer wish to care for your citrus trees, consider removing them so they do not become a host for the pest and disease.



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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\*Jul. 20th - Southern California Water Luncheon, discussion of the Colorado River and Salton Sea, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Morongo Casino Convention Center. Visit [www.socalwater.org](http://www.socalwater.org) for reservations

\*Jul. 26th - Farm Bureau Policy Recommendation Committee meeting, Sacramento.

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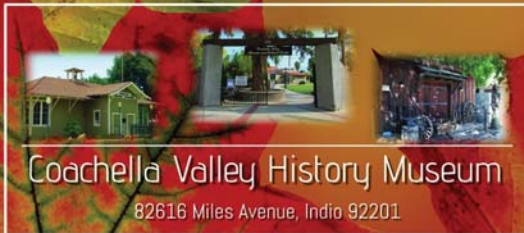
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