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## Planned "*Extinction of Agriculture*" in Riverside County?

One would be led to believe that county officials have devised a new County General Plan that makes it so difficult to be growers, farmers and ranchers that they are planning the extinction of agriculture.

An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) by the county government

- ignores cumulative impacts to agriculture,
- imposes the creation of a new regulatory agricultural mitigation bank,
- creates restrictive land use policies,
- forces a 5 year land use change moratorium that reduces ag land values,
- initiates policies that create nonconforming use designations that undermine the viability of agriculture, and
- plans for habitat and open space regulations that will take agricultural land out of productive use.

There is a rush to adopt a General Plan before the end of the year and before one supervisor retires from the Board. Hearing schedules keep changing and the current tentative meeting schedule could allow the Board of Supervisors to adopt the General Plan on December 30! There is a continuing disregard for recommendations provided by agricultural groups regarding this plan. It is unacceptable and the plan must be changed.

Despite perception, agricultural production continues to increase in Riverside County. Last year gross agricultural production topped out at \$1.125 Billion showing an increase of \$76MM (or 7.5%), but habitat and land use plans to "save the land" pose a significant threat to the industry.

For more information on the new County General Plan, or to get a complete copy of the Riverside County Farm Bureau's letter to the county government commenting on their EIR and General Plan, please contact the Riverside County Farm Bureau office.

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# Agricultural Production Report 2001

Total Gross Valuation	\$1,124,908,400	+ 7.5%	Increase from 2000
Gross for Agriculture Crops	\$757,324,900	+ 11%	
Gross Livestock & Poultry	\$367,583,500	+ 0.16%	
Total Planted Acreage	285,332	+ 6.5%	

\* These numbers are in no way measures of profit or loss to the producers.

Citrus Crops	\$130,221,100	23,591 acres
Tree & Vine Crops	\$191,579,100	23,988 acres
Vegetable, Melon & Misc	\$196,785,100	41,459 acres
Field & Seed Crops	\$80,215,900	187,045 acres
Livestock & Poultry	\$16,415,900	
<i>Cattle &amp; Calves</i>		40,000 head
<i>Sheep &amp; Lambs</i>		90,120 head
<i>Chickens (spent hens)</i>		3,595,350 lbs
<i>Chickens</i>		6,537,000 head
<i>Other (Ducks, Hogs, Rabbits)</i>		484,038 cwt
Livestock & Poultry Products	\$351,167,600	
<i>Eggs</i>		143,814,000 dozen
<i>Milk</i>		19,341,026 cwt
<i>Other (Hides, Manure, Wool)</i>		
Nursery Stock Production	\$138,371,300	6,330 acres
Aquaculture Products (all fish)	\$15,412,400	6,871,214 lbs
Apiculture (Bee Products)	\$4,740,000	
<i>Honey</i>		4,940,000 lbs
<i>Beeswax</i>		123,500 lbs
<i>Total Colonies</i>		45,000

## Leading Riverside County Agriculture

- |                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Milk                      | 11. Lettuce, Loose Leaf  |
| 2. Nursery                   | 12. Carrots              |
| 3. Grapes, Table             | 13. Oranges, Navel       |
| 4. Lemons                    | 14. Aquaculture Products |
| 5. Eggs                      | 15. Oranges, Valencia    |
| 6. Hay, all                  | 16. Oriental Vegetables  |
| 7. Dates                     | 17. Cotton               |
| 8. Avocados                  | 18. Spinach              |
| 9. Peppers, Bell             | 19. Cantaloupe           |
| 10. Grapefruit, Ruby & White | 20. Cattle & Calves      |

## CA's Leading Agriculture Counties by Total Value of Production (2000)

- |                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Fresno           | \$3,423,539,000        |
| 2. Tulare           | \$3,068,063,000        |
| 3. Monterey         | \$2,923,264,000        |
| 4. Kern             | \$2,209,928,000        |
| 5. Merced           | \$1,538,545,000        |
| 6. San Joaquin      | \$1,248,724,000        |
| 7. San Diego        | \$1,253,845,000        |
| 8. Stanislaus       | \$1,197,302,000        |
| 9. <b>Riverside</b> | <b>\$1,048,590,000</b> |
| 10. Ventura         | \$1,047,128,000        |

## Did you know...?

- 8 of the 10 top agriculture producing counties in the U.S. are in California. **Riverside ranks 9th in the US.**

- California ranks 5th in the nation in farm numbers, but farms in the Golden State produce more than half the nation's fruits, vegetables and nuts from just 3% of the nation's farmland.

# Election: Farm Bureau Makes Ballot Recommendations

Before each statewide election, the California Farm Bureau Federation's 24 member board makes ballot recommendations as a guide for Farm Bureau members in California. The Farm Bureau makes the following ballot recommendations and endorses the following candidates for the November 5th ballot.

## CFBF Board of Directors has endorsed:

Governor ..... Bill Simon  
 Lt. Governor ..... Bruce McPherson  
 Controller ..... Steve Westly  
 Secretary of State ..... Keith Olberg

	YES	NO
<b>PROP. 46 - Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2002:</b> CFBF <b>supports</b> Prop. 46, which would authorize \$2.1 billion in general obligation bonds for various housing programs. The bond would provide \$200 million for local governments and non-profit organizations to construct and rehabilitate housing for farm-worker families.  "Farm Bureau has long been an advocate of planning and developing housing for farm employees who contribute mightily to our state's agricultural industry," said CFBF President Bill Pauli. "This measure offers important assistance to these families and many others around the state who are caught by the lack of affordable housing."	X	
<b>PROP. 47 - Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2002:</b> Prop. 47, a school bond, would provide \$13 billion for construction of new schools and to repair existing school facilities. While recognizing the need, the CFBF Board of Directors voted to <b>oppose</b> the measure because of the state's extreme indebtedness and budget deficit this year and expected over the next several years.		X
<b>PROP. 48 - Court Consolidation:</b> Prop. 48, a proposed Constitutional amendment, would delete references to municipal courts, which are now obsolete due to consolidation of superior and municipal trial courts into unified superior courts. The CFBF Board of Directors urges a "yes" vote.	X	
<b>PROP. 49 - Before and After School Programs:</b> Prop. 49 would provide \$455 billion for before and after school programs. While recognizing the need, like with Prop. 49, the CFBF Board of Directors voted to <b>oppose</b> the measure because of the state's extreme indebtedness and budget deficit this year and for several more years.		X
<b>PROP. 50 - Water Quality, Supply and Safe Drinking Water Projects, Coastal Wetlands Purchase and Protection:</b> The CFBF Board of Directors recommends a "no" vote on Prop. 50, which would allocate \$3.4 billion for a variety of water-related projects. In opposing Prop. 50, the board expressed serious concerns that it more closely resembled a land-acquisition bond.  The board based its recommendation on CFBF policy that basically says local, state and federal agencies should not acquire land for the purpose of removing agriculture from the process of improving habitat for fish and wildlife.  "We believe that farmland can support both food production and habitat for fish and wildlife," said CFBF President Bill Pauli. Prop. 50 misses the point that agricultural land is a valuable resource and its ability to produce food and fiber should be protected.  News release: Farm Bureau recommends 'no' on water bond measure		X
<b>PROP. 51 - Transportation, Distribution of Existing Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax:</b> Another measure <b>opposed</b> by the CFBF Board of Directors is Prop. 51, which would redistribute a portion of motor vehicle sales tax revenues to transportation and safety programs. The board expressed concern that under the current state budget deficit, it would be sound fiscal policy to separate a portion of the general funds for specific purposes without consideration of other state priorities and lock that expenditure in perpetuity.		X
<b>PROP. 52 - Election Day Voter Registration, Voter Fraud Penalties:</b> The CFBF Board of Directors voted to <b>oppose</b> Prop. 52, which would allow Election Day voter registration. Opposition is based upon CFBF policy that states "no person should be permitted to vote in any election in any community where he/she has not been a bona fide resident for at least 30 days."		X

"The strong relationship between the Farm Bureau and our legislators is a foundational element in our ability to serve the needs of our members. The Farm Bureau recognizes the years of dedicated service of these people, and affirm that they are the best people to serve in the coming years."

-- Andy Domenigoni, President RCFB

## RCFB Board of Directors has endorsed:

### Congress:

Mary Bono ..... 45th District  
 Darrell Issa ..... 48th District  
 Ken Calvert ..... 44th District  
 Jerry Lewis ..... 41st District

### Assembly:

Ray Haynes ..... 66th District  
 John Benoit ..... 64th District  
 Russ Bogh ..... 65th District  
 Robert Dutton ..... 63rd District  
 Todd Spitzer ..... 71st District  
 Bonnie Garcia ..... 80th District

### State Senate:

Dennis Hollingsworth ..... 36th District

### Riverside County Supervisors:

John Tavaglione ..... 2nd District  
 Roy Wilson ..... 4th District  
 Marion Ashley ..... 5th District

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Riverside County Farm Bureau Voting Members  
Nominating Committee 2002- 2003  
Chairman, Dan Hollingsworth,  
Howard Cherniss and  
Andy Domenigoni

In accordance with the Bylaws of Riverside County Farm Bureau, election of officers and directors will be held in a meeting of voting members at 1:30 p.m. on November 10, 2002, during the Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee recommends the following Board of Directors for election for the 2003 Membership Year:

### Officers

Cindy Domenigoni as President  
Bruce Scott as Vice President  
Brad Scott as Vice President

### Board of Directors

Lee Anderson	Richard Kelley
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Riverside County  
Farm Bureau

will hold its **85th**

**Annual  
Meeting**

on

Sunday, November 10th

at 2pm

at

**Monteleone Meadows**  
in Murrieta

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