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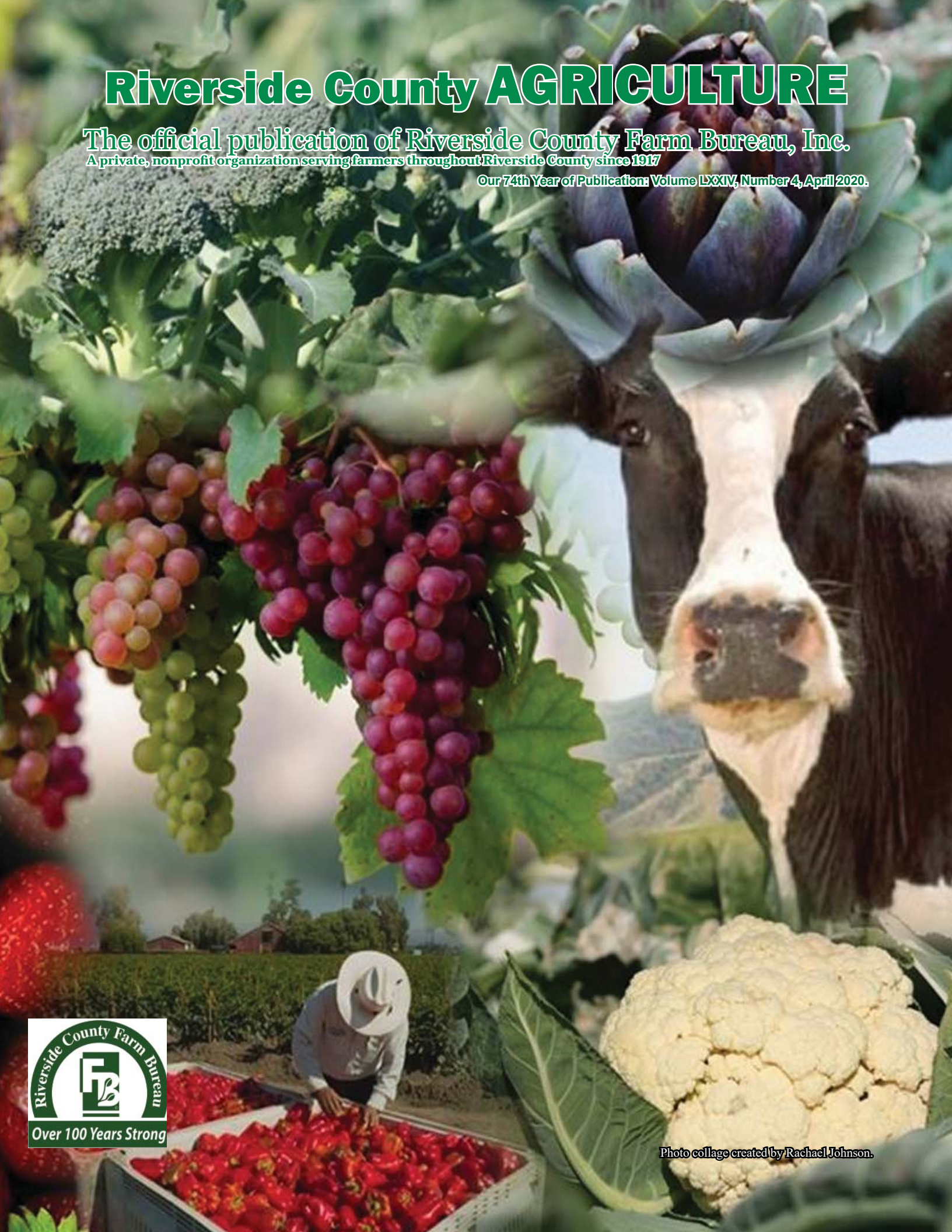


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Welcome New Members

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

Need Help with a Cancelled Fire Insurance Policy?

If a rural landowner receives a non-renewal notice for a fire insurance policy, the CA Department of Insurance now has a review process that can be requested by filing a Request for Assistance (RFA). This request be submitted on-line at: <https://cdiapps.insurance.ca.gov/CP/login/>

If a policy holder files this form, a seven-digit case number will be issued and local elected officials will be able to track the progress of the review directly using this seven-digit number (must be provided to the local office of the legislator). This process will alert our local legislators on how many cancellations are being received within their districts.

Once the Department of Insurance receives the FRA, it will be assigned to a compliance officer. In 7-10 days, the policy holder should receive a letter from the compliance office letting them know they have been assigned the RFA and will begin the review process. The compliance officer will request information from the carrier on the cancelled policy (which will be obtained within 21 days of the request). After review of that information, the compliance officer will provide a summary of findings to the policy holder.

There is an alternative for those who cannot find replacement fire insurance policies: California FAIR plan. This is a very high-cost alternative but remains the only choice for those cancelled without options. See the FAIR website for more information: <https://www.cf-pnet.com/>

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Beat COVID-19 on the worksite

FOR EMPLOYERS:

- Create at least six feet of space between workers by staging and staggering crews.
- Provide soap and running water on all jobsites for frequent handwashing. If that is not possible, provide hand sanitizer.
- Frequently clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces including handrails, door knobs, and portable toilets.

- Plan for office staff to have the ability to work from home.
- If possible, expand onsite medical clinics, screen workers and pre-stage disinfected equipment prior to check-in.



Guidelines by NABTU

Beat COVID-19 on the worksite

FOR WORKERS:

- Stay home if you're sick.
- Don't shake hands.
- Avoid large meetings and gatherings.
- Stay six feet away from others on the job site, meetings, and trainings.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your elbow if you cough or sneeze.
- Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.

- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use alcohol-based sanitizer.
- It is especially important to clean your hands after using the restroom, before eating, and after coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose.



Guidelines by NABTU

Agricultural work remains critical during COVID-19 crisis



With agriculture designated “critical infrastructure” by federal and state governments, the California Farm Bureau Federation reiterated its commitment to assist the state’s farmers, ranchers and agricultural businesses during the statewide stay-at-home order issued by Gov. Gavin Newsom.

“As people who work in a sector defined as critical, farmers, ranchers and people working in agricultural businesses recognize our special responsibility to maintain normal work schedules,” CFBF President Jamie Johansson said. “We encourage local, state and federal agencies to interpret the guidelines as broadly as practicable, to be sure everyone in agriculture can stay on the job, producing food and farm products during this crisis.”

As with any decisive action, Johansson said, there will likely be some confusion and questions about definitions, but he said he has been reassured agencies remain committed to smoothing the production, marketing and transportation of food and farm products.

“The state Office of Emergency Services has made it clear: People involved in agriculture, food production, distribution and transportation of food or agricultural products—anyone working in the food supply chain—people in those critical jobs are allowed and should continue to show up for work,” Johansson said.

To ensure people working in agriculture can do their jobs safely, Farm Bureau has redoubled its work with employers to make sure they’re aware of the latest guidelines from health officials and government agencies.

“Based on the questions we’ve been receiving from farmers, we know they’re being diligent in having employees engage in sanitary practices,” Johansson said. “That’s already a high priority for reasons both of food safety and employee health. Farmers take a number of steps on a regular basis to protect themselves, their employees, their families and their crops.”

County Farm Bureaus around California and CFBF will remain operational, in order to support their members.

“County Farm Bureaus provide a critical local resource for farmers, ranchers and people in agricultural businesses,” Johansson said. “County Farm Bureaus and those of us at CFBF will remain available to respond to our members and work with government agencies to assure continuity of critical food and agricultural activity.”

Huanglongbing Detection Triggers Citrus Quarantine Expansion in San Bernardino County

A citrus quarantine expansion has been declared following the detection of the citrus disease Huanglongbing (HLB) in one residential citrus tree in the City of San Bernardino. This is the first confirmed find of the citrus disease in the city and follows the recent detections of several HLB-positive trees located in Colton, Montclair and Ontario. The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) is working with the San Bernardino County Department of Agriculture to remove the HLB-infected tree and prevent the spread of HLB into neighboring areas.

HLB is a bacterial disease that affects the vascular system of citrus trees and plants. While not harmful to humans, the disease kills citrus trees and has no cure. A small insect called the Asian citrus psyllid (ACP) can spread the bacteria as it feeds on citrus tree leaves. Once a tree is infected, there is no cure; the tree will produce rancid-tasting fruit and die.

The expanded 52-square mile square mile quarantine area expansion will place more than 1,327-square miles of Southern California into the HLB quarantine area. The newly expanded portion in San Bernardino County is bordered on the north by Palm Avenue and Kendall Drive; on the east by Sterling Avenue; on the south by Santa Ana Avenue; and on the west by Palmetto Avenue.

HLB maps for San Bernardino and Riverside counties are available online at: www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/hlb/regulation. Please check this link for future expansions within the county, should they occur.

The citrus quarantine prohibits the movement of all citrus nursery stock or plant material out of the affected area. Provisions exist to allow the movement of commercially cleaned and packed citrus fruit. Growers within the new expansion area should contact CDFA's Citrus Division at 916-654-0317 for information on these provisions.

Fruit that is not properly cleaned and/or packed, including fruit grown from commercial operations and residential citrus trees must not be moved from the property on which it is grown, although it may be processed and/or consumed on the premises.

Residents are urged to take several steps to help protect citrus trees:

- Do not move citrus plants, leaves, or foliage into or out of the quarantine area or across state or international borders. Keep it local.
- Cooperate with agricultural officials placing traps, inspecting trees, and treating for the pest.
- If you no longer wish to care for your citrus tree, consider removing it so it does not become a host to the pest and disease.

CDFA staff have scheduled removal of the infected tree and are in the midst of a treatment program for citrus trees to suppress Asian citrus psyllid infestations within 400 meters of the find site. By taking this action, a critical reservoir of the disease and its vectors will be removed, which is essential to protect other citrus trees on the property, neighbors' trees and the community's citrus from this deadly disease. CDFA, in partnership with USDA, local county agricultural commissioners, and the citrus industry, continues to pursue a strategy of controlling the spread of the Asian citrus psyllids while researchers work to find a cure for HLB.



Carl Moyer Program (Heavy-Duty Engines)

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

NEW! In light of COVID-19 and South Coast AQMD's commitment to protect the public health, the 2020 Carl Moyer Program workshops will be canceled. South Coast AQMD will be posting webcasts for eligible project categories in the upcoming weeks. For updates on webcasts, please visit www.aqmd.gov/moyer.

NEW! South Coast AQMD is Currently Soliciting Eligible Projects for the Carl Moyer Program (CMP) Under Program Announcement (PA) #2020-04 (PDF, 3.5MB), to view PDF go to www.aqmd.gov/moyer
Applications are Due on Tuesday, June 2nd by 1PM (No Exceptions!)

South Coast AQMD Encourages Applicants to Apply Online Using the Carl Moyer Online Application Program. To Apply Online go to www.aqmd.gov/moyer

To Submit Paper Applications for the Carl Moyer Program go to www.aqmd.gov/moyer.

NEW! For Additional Information on the Carl Moyer Program, Including Details on Funding Categories and More go to www.aqmd.gov/moyer.



Ag in the Classroom has started a new campaign to make it easier to share ag-tivities on our social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter) to help teachers and parents throughout CA ensure their students can continue learning where their food and fiber comes from while they are out of their classrooms. Each day at 10 am, Ag in the Classroom shares fun, education ag-tivities that can be enjoyed at home. The ag-tivities will be listed on our blog for easy reference and sharing. Check out our blog at <https://learnaboutagathome.wordpress.com/>

We want to hear how you are adapting to a virtual classroom! Ag in the Classroom has created a discussion group within our Facebook Page to help educators share resources and ideas that are working for you and your new classroom dynamic. Join the Facebook Group at <https://www.facebook.com/learnaboutag/>



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N95 Alternatives for Pesticide Handling

Due to PPE shortage during the current COVID-19 crisis, DPR has compiled a list of respirators and exposure controls that offer the same or better protection for employees who are required to use N95 respirators.

If the label requires an N95, you may also use these respirators

Filtering facepiece respirators with the following designations

- N99, N100
- R95, R99, R100
- P95, P99, P100

If product contains oil, do not use "N" series masks

Powered Air Purifying Respirators (PAPRs)

- All PAPR cartridges have HEPA filters that provide more protection than N95 respirators

Elastomeric respirators (half-face or full-face) with particulate filters or combination cartridge/filters

- N, R, or P filters with 95, 99, or 100 efficiency
- Filter can be part of cartridge, an attachment, or stand-alone
- Some chemical cartridges can also filter particulates, which is indicated by a magenta or purple color on the cartridge

If product contains oil, do not use "N" series

Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)

- Not the same thing as SCUBA
- See 3 CCR 6739 (k) for air quality requirements

Can't find a respirator?

1. **Ask your PCA if there is a product that doesn't require respiratory protection**
2. **Mix/load pesticides in a closed system** † (see 3 CCR 6746 and 6738.4 (c) & (d))
3. **Apply pesticides from an enclosed cab** † (see 3 CCR 6738.4 (e))

NOTE: #3 is only applicable to particulate respirators and only if the enclosed cab has a functioning ventilation system

† the required PPE must still be available

Respirators must be NIOSH approved. Before wearing any respirator required by label, permit conditions, regulations, or employer policy, users must be medically able to wear a respirator, be trained, and fit tested. Employers must have a written respiratory protection program as detailed in 3 CCR 6739. https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/whs/ind_hygiene_ppe.htm

Gloves for Handling Pesticides

Due to PPE shortage during the current COVID-19 crisis, DPR has compiled some glove-safety tips.

If you use reusable gloves, they must be same material as label-required disposable gloves.

Chemical resistant gloves must be at least 14 mil thick†, so substitute for thicker gloves of the same material.

† except laminate and polyethylene gloves

Glove Category Selection Key

Label Code	Materials Required by Law	Material Code
A	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8	1: Laminate
B	1,2	2: Butyl
C	1,2,3,4,7,8	3: Nitrile
D	1,2	4: Neoprene
E	1,3,4,8	5: Natural
F	1,2,3,8	6: Polyethylene
G	1,8	7: PVC
H	1,8	8: Viton

All but Laminate and Polyethylene must be 14 mils or thicker

Caring for Reusable Gloves

1. Inspect your gloves before putting them on. **Never wear damaged chemical resistant gloves!**
2. Wash your hands with soap and water before you put them on.
3. Wear your gloves as required by label or regulation when performing handler tasks.
4. Wash your gloved hands with soap and water before removing gloves.
5. Dry and store your clean gloves away from pesticides, in a cool dry place, and away from direct sunlight.
6. After removing gloves, wash your hands with soap and water.

Do not touch contaminated gloves with bare hands!

Be sure to follow 3 CCR 6738. For more information go to: https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/whs/ind_hygiene_ppe.htm

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May 13, 2020 - 5:30 PM, Riverside County Farm Bureau Board of Directors meeting, Johnny Russo's Italian Kitchen in Banning.

Food and Farm News

Courtesy of CFBF

Farms, ranches ensure social distancing

In fields, orchards and vineyards around California, farmers and their employees have been observing new social-distancing protocols to avoid spread of the novel coronavirus. Training sessions have been held to reinforce the need for additional precautions. Where necessary, farmers have adjusted operations to allow for distancing. Hand washing and other sanitary procedures are already routine to ensure food safety.

Study says wild plants could help their domesticated cousins

Wild relatives of crop plants could help crops grow successfully with less fertilizer, according to new research. A professor at the University of California, Riverside, says wild plants can interact more successfully with soil microbes than their domesticated relatives that were bred for high yields. The study indicates that breeding some of those traits back into domesticated crop plants could improve plant growth.

Pandemic brings changes for small-scale farms

Small farms that lost business from restaurants and other food-service clients have been looking for alternative customers or business models during the COVID-19 pandemic. More farms now offer food-box options for pickup or delivery, and a number have collaborated with other farms to lend variety to their food-box offerings. Some farms have also tried e-commerce as a potential way to expand their customer base.

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