

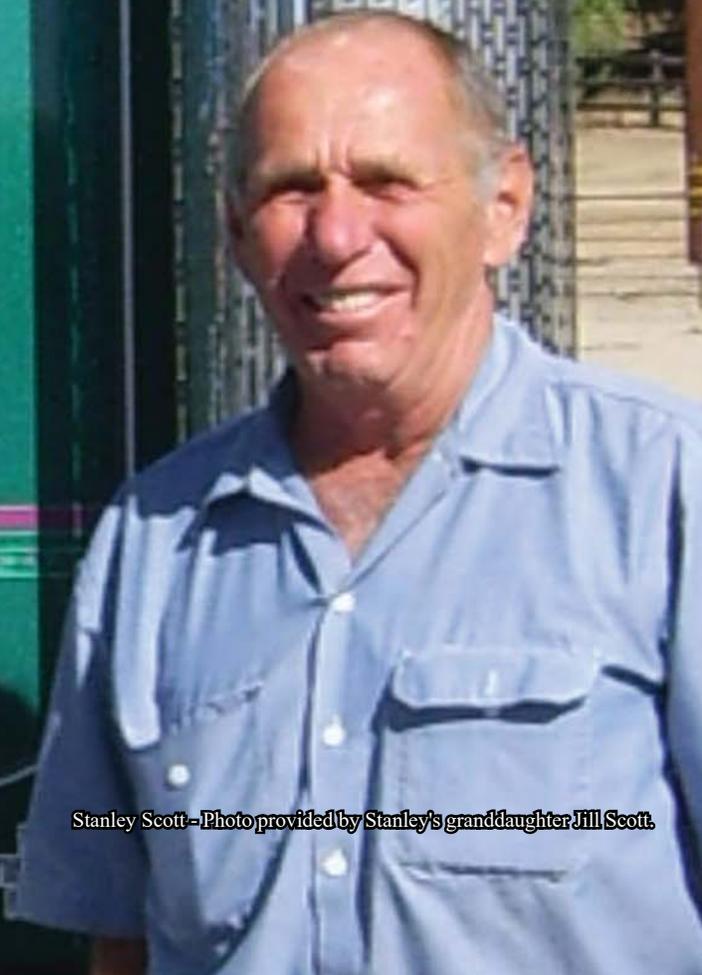
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Hog rules could impact junior livestock market

Article courtesy of Ching Lee, Ag Alert Assistant Editor, California Farm Bureau.



Impacts of California's Proposition 12—which sets minimum spacing requirements for breeding pigs, egg-laying hens and veal calves—have rippled from farms to fairs this year, as young people who raise project animals for exhibition grapple with implications of the new law.

The biggest impact is expected to be felt by people raising hogs as the state implements the final phase of Proposition 12, approved by California voters in 2018. Specific requirements for veal calves and egg-laying hens went into effect in 2020. As of Jan. 1 this year, additional requirements for egg layers and a minimum housing space of 24 square feet for breeding pigs went into effect.

The housing requirements do not apply to 4-H programs and during exhibitions such as fairs and rodeos. However, state agricultural officials say junior livestock exhibitors

who want to sell eggs or project pigs into the general food chain must comply with the minimum housing standards.

Because students who raise project animals spend considerable time and money caring for their animals, Matt Patton, executive director of the California Agricultural Teachers' Association, said they won't have a problem complying with Proposition 12. The concern, he said, is over administrative costs and burdens on processors that contract with fairs for the resale hogs.

"What it comes down to for us is the amount of paperwork that is going to be required that is going to keep these processing plants from taking these animals," he said. "Without that outlet, these fairs will have a really difficult time marketing these animals."

The California Department of Food and Agriculture is finalizing rules and regulations for implementing and enforcing the law. According to draft regulations, all market hogs sold through junior livestock auctions going into the "resale" channel must have documentation showing proof they came from farms certified as Proposition 12-compliant. The rule does not apply to hogs sold to private buyers who use custom slaughter and keep the meat for personal consumption.

For processors such as Stockton-based Yosemite Foods, which buys a large number of hogs each year from fairs, having to keep track of each certificate—and supplying them to downstream buyers—creates "a logistical nightmare," said Chance Reeder, plant superintendent for the company and president of the California Pork Producers Association.

He noted that Yosemite Foods has been processing fair hogs **CONT. ON PAGE 6....**

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Stanley Scott ~ San Jacinto Dairy Farmer

It is with a heavy heart we inform you that long time Farm Bureau member Stan Scott, father of Brad and Bruce Scott passed away peacefully on the family Dairy Farm in San Jacinto, California on Thursday, December 16.

Stan was born on April 14, 1938, in Pomona, California. His devoted wife of 53 years Linda, who he met in Chino, preceded him on September 19, 2012. He is survived by his three children; Bruce (Nanette), Debbie (Calvin Smith), and Brad (Sally), as well as numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



As a child he was active in the 4-H and FFA where he showed dairy cattle and participated in leadership activities. He went to Mt. Sac and then Cal Poly San Louis Obispo where he studied Dairy Science. In college he worked on the campus dairy farm and milk creamery. After College, his love of service for his community and the agricultural community grew and he served on the Los Angeles Fair Association, the Dairy Council of California, the Milk Producers Council, the Boys Republic, the Chino Rotary, and numerous other organizations throughout the years.

A third-generation dairy farmer, Stan woke up every day before the sun and drove his milk truck to Chino, once he got home, he then farmed and fed the cows. He was a quiet man who loved his family and community.

Stan was a strong supporter of youth in agriculture and supported his local fairs and FFA and 4-H programs.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund benefiting Southern California Fair Junior livestock exhibitors has been established. Donations can be made out to the Stan and Linda Scott Memorial Livestock Scholarship and sent to P.O. Box 640 San Jacinto, CA 92581.

Cards to the family can also be sent to Scott's Bros. Dairy, 18051 Gilman Springs Rd. Moreno Valley, Ca 92555



From left, sons Brad and Bruce and father Stan of Scott Brothers Dairy.
Photos provided by granddaughter Jill Scott

Bertrand Lauda ~ San Jacinto Farmer



Photo provided by Susie Esquire.

It is with great sadness to inform you that we have lost another long time Farm Bureau member and friend.

Bertrand Lauda, 91, of San Jacinto, passed away on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at Temecula Valley Hospital. Bert was born to Jeanne Marie and Jean Pierre Lauda in France. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Jean Lauda.

Bert is survived by his devoted and loving wife of 60 years, Jean; his daughter and son-in-law, Susie and Jean Pierre Esquire; and his daughter and son-in-law, Lianne Lauda and Ed Gill; and his grandson, Aaron Gill.

Bert's family history was steeped in farming, and he continued the tradition when he emigrated to the US at the age of 17 and worked as a shepherd in Riverside County. He went on to start his own sheep business in the 50's and then later with his wife Jean, purchased a farm in the San Jacinto Valley and began growing crops for local dairies.

Even in his 90's he couldn't sit for long. Wearing a plaid western shirt, jeans and a baseball hat usually advertising a feed store, he would call for his border collie to jump in his pick-up truck and off they would go to check on the fields, greet employees and head to the neighbor's farm for a visit. He enjoyed seeing his friends most mornings for breakfast at a local restaurant, sharing stories and catching up on everyone's farming operations.

He also enjoyed sharing his French heritage with his wife and daughters and taking them on trips to France to visit with relatives in the small village where he grew up.

In the US, he maintained close friendships with his French, Spanish and Basque friends, many who also emigrated in the 40's and 50's.

Bert was a devoted husband and father and will be missed by many.



Good Friends and Two Iconic Farmers
Stanley Scott and Bert Lauda

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Area-Wide and Coordinated Treatment Participation More Important Than Ever in California

Jim Gorden, Citrus Pest & Disease Prevention Committee Chairman



As the threat of Huanglongbing (HLB) continues, industry members know that the best way to prevent HLB from infecting our groves is to limit populations of the Asian citrus psyllid (ACP), which spread the deadly disease. This winter, it's critically important for California's citrus growing operations to actively participate in local, area-wide or coordinated treatments to further boost our industry's efforts in the fight against the ACP.

Over the past year, ACP detections have been spiking throughout areas of the state where it has not been declared well-established, including parts of the Central Valley and Central Coast. While treatment strategies are different in various regions of the state, participation in area wide or coordinated treatments is crucial in suppressing ACP populations. When we work together by timing treatment applications, we can leverage the strongest counter punch possible by limiting the areas where psyllids find safe harbor to avoid these treatments. In the process, we can protect not only our own groves, but those of our neighbors.

The cost to manage ACP populations is far less than what the potential costs should HLB spread into our commercial groves. One only has to turn their eyes to Florida for a crystal ball's view into our future should we not take action. While we have successfully prevented HLB detections in California's commercial citrus groves thus far, I encourage growers to invest in this "insurance policy" to provide the best continued protection we have against this formidable opponent.

Our industry continues to make strides in the fight against HLB and the ACP, but we're stronger when we work as a collective. It is important to connect with your local grower liaison or pest control district, or view the treatments schedules on CitrusInsider.org for details on treatments in your area, as the preferred timing of treatments will vary per region.

For more information on ACP treatments and effective materials, see the University of California's UCIPM Pest Management Guidelines for Asian Citrus Psyllid.

If you suspect ACP or HLB in your grove, please notify the California Department of Food and Agriculture Pest Hotline at 1-800-491-1899.

A large red Massey Ferguson tractor is shown from a front-three-quarter view, parked in a grassy field. The tractor has "4233 MASSEY FERGUSON" written on its side. The background shows a vast green field under a blue sky with scattered clouds.

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EMECULA VALLEY
WINEGROWERS

.....CONT. FROM PAGE 2. for more than 20 years and wants to continue offering the service to help fairs and youth exhibitors.

After saying the company may need to limit the amount of resale hogs it would accept, he followed up with a clarification: "We are just trying to find a solution that works for all. It might not look the same as it has in years past because of Prop. 12."

Producers, processors, agriculture teachers and farm organizations agree the new regulation in its current form would disproportionately affect socio-economically disadvantaged students who may not have the means or the connections to market their animals to private buyers.

"The kids that rely on other companies to buy their hogs and resell them, they are the ones that are going to be hurt by Prop. 12," Reeder said.

For fairs dealing with hundreds of animals, "it's potentially going to be a real challenge this year trying to navigate a lot of the unknowns," said Shannon Douglass, first vice president of the California Farm Bureau, who also serves as a board director for the Glenn County Fair. That includes trying to track animals from each individual exhibitor and making sure they have proper documentation, "especially when we're still trying to figure out the regs and how to properly follow them," she added.

"I have not seen a fair that has a solid plan of how they're going to deal with it," Douglass said. "Essentially, they've been waiting to see what the new regs might be."

Agricultural organizations including the California Farm Bureau and other stakeholders have asked CDFA to exempt all junior livestock from Proposition 12 rules.

Patton said agricultural teachers would be willing to work with their students and fairs to provide a solution—"anything we can do to alleviate that paperwork burden on the processors."

Because the Monterey County Fair is held in late August and the end of September, Deputy Manager Chris Garmon said, "we have time to feel things out and get the word out down the pipeline."

"It's going to be a lot of paperwork, but it's not going to be as bad as it sounds," Garmon said. "But then again, my fair doesn't have a lot of pigs," unlike fairs such as Kern County, which typically receives more than 300, he noted.

CDFA late last month said it was reviewing comments on its draft regulations and expected to complete the review in mid-January.

CDFA spokesman Steve **CONT. ON PAGE 8.....**

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.....CONT. FROM PAGE 6. Lyle said the department "is working to complete the process as quickly as possible," adding, "we continue to evaluate how (the regulations) will apply to state or county fair exhibitions, 4-H programs and similar exhibitions."

Students typically purchase their project pigs from breeders 100 to 120 days prior to the fair. If they plan to exhibit an animal in a spring fair, they likely purchased the piglets last fall, which means those pigs don't fall under Proposition 12 rules, Patton said. Pigs born in 2022 will need to comply.

Because the Sacramento County Fair occurs in May, students exhibiting egg layers this year are the ones who will need paperwork certifying their hens are Proposition 12-compliant, said Mike Albani, agriculture teacher at Elk Grove High School. As board chairman of the fair, which he said usually sends 250 to 300 resale hogs to processors, he acknowledged the "big unknown" is what the fair will do if it can't get the hogs processed. But fair staff won't need to worry about that until next year.

For later fairs that will be receiving hogs born in 2022, "there is some trepidation about where this whole thing is going to end up," Patton said.

"I get phone calls from my teachers every day...because they're starting to plan for purchasing animals or animals are starting to come in," he said. "They want to know what the endgame is before they make this financial commitment to these projects. They want to make sure they're going to have an outlet for them."



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 9, 2022. More details will be announced at a later date.

Food and Farm News

Courtesy of CFBF

California agriculture exports plummet due to clogged ports

California farmers lost \$2.1 billion in export sales between May and September due to supply chain disruptions, including congested ports. That's according to a new study from the University of California, Davis. It estimated that containerized agricultural exports dropped by 17% in the five-month period alone. Tree nuts saw the sharpest trade declines, with estimated losses of \$520 million. Wine exports were down by \$250 million.

Farm Bureau and National Immigration Forum partner in citizenship effort

The California Farm Bureau is partnering with immigration advocates to support applications for U.S. citizenship by employees of its member farmers and ranchers. The Farm Bureau has signed a contract with the National Immigration Forum to provide services including citizenship eligibility reviews, application preparation and case management. The program is open to farm employees who already have green cards and legal status but hope to naturalize as U.S. citizens.

Winegrape harvest up from 2020 but below average

California's winegrape harvest is up slightly from 2020. And while growers this year faced additional challenges from wildfires, the impacts of smoke taint were markedly less than last year's devastating fire season. This year's winegrape crush is estimated at 3.6 million to 3.7 million tons. That's an improvement over 2020, but still well below a normal year, in which the crush generally tops 4 million tons.

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