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Ted Burke Named 2017 Friend of Agriculture

National Agriculture Day Spring Luncheon Held



Ted Burke (L), co-owner of the Shadowbrook Restaurant, receives the 2017 Al Smith Friend of Agriculture Award. Pictured with (L-R) Farm Bureau President Thomas Broz and 1st Vice-President Brendan Miele

A record crowd attended the National Agriculture Day Spring Luncheon held March 15, 2017 at the Santa Cruz County Fair Heritage Hall in Watsonville. The annual event is coordinated by the Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau and the educational organization, Agri-Culture.

At the luncheon, the 2017 Al Smith Friend of Agriculture award was presented to **Ted Burke**, co-owner of Shadowbrook Restaurant in Capitola, for his strong support of local agriculture. The award was announced by Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County Executive Director, **Lance Linares**, who was the 2016 award recipient.

This award is named after Al Smith who was the founder of Orchard Supply Hardware and donated 3,000 acres (Swanton Pacific Ranch) on our north coast to Cal Poly. The ranch has row crops, timber and even a one-third scale railroad, which was Al's hobby. The award is on a piece of redwood with a train depicted on it. It is presented annually to an individual,

business or organization not involved in production agriculture but who has done much for the industry.

Master of Ceremonies for the event was Farm Bureau President **Thomas Broz**. Thomas spoke about the Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau's 100th Anniversary and introduced the first 35 of the organization's "100 Ag-Related Activities to do in Celebration of Farm Bureau's Centennial Year" campaign.

Other notables in attendance include County Supervisors **Zach Friend** and **Bruce McPherson**; Scotts Valley Councilmembers **Stephany Aguilar** and **Randy Johnson**, **Dr. Michelle Rodriguez**, Superintendent, PVUSD, **Georgia Acosta**, PVUSD; **Ed Botoroff**, Mayor, City of Capitola; Watsonville City Councilmembers: **Nancy Bilicich**, **Trina Coffman-Gomez**, **Jimmy Dutra**, **Rebecca Garcia**, **Felipe Hernandez**, **Lowell Hurst** and Assistant City Manager, **Matt Huffaker**.

See more Ag Day coverage on Pages 8 & 9.

ATTEND OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, JUNE 22, 2017. VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.SCCFB.COM

President's Message

THOMAS BROZ, PRESIDENT



“It may be too early to tell, but under current conditions growers may be in a situation of having to diversify their operations by switching to less labor intensive crops. Even with potential breakthroughs in mechanical harvest systems, the only hope for relief in the immediate future is through sensible immigration reform.”

Can Labor Intensive Farming Cope With Labor Shortages?

The warm and dry weather the first half of March (rain returned in the second half) was a short but welcome relief after January and February's record rainfall. Our strawberry crop is going through it's first growth spurt and I make it a habit to walk the fields regularly looking for signs of two-spotted spider mites (*tetranychus urticae*) to time the release of predatory red mites (*Phytoseiulus persimilis*), an effective control of this important insect pest. Scouting fields to catch problems early is critical to ensure a healthy harvest. Another benefit, often overlooked, of course, is that I get to pick and savor the first red ripe strawberries. A few more weeks and strawberry fields will be flush with ripening berries and the primary concern among berry growers will be the availability of workers to pick the crop.

Berries (strawberries, raspberries and blackberries) are by far the most important agricultural crop in Santa Cruz County, valued at over \$400 million in 2015. For several years now growers have been putting up signs along farm fields looking for workers. I notice the number of signs have increased and are being posted earlier every season. There is no denying that many factors have played into curtailing the availability of farm labor. The main and overarching roadblock to improve labor availability has been the government's inability to implement policies for migrant and domestic undocumented workers to legally participate in the nation's agricultural economy. With a shrinking domestic labor force, the only option for some growers is the H2A offshore labor program which in its current form is too limited, costly and

cumbersome to meet the diverse labor needs of the industry.

With labor shortages and increased government regulations, the cost for hand harvest labor is destined to increase and growers will eventually have to charge higher prices, leaving Santa Cruz growers at a competitive disadvantage. It may be too early to tell, but under current conditions growers may be in a situation of having to diversify their operations by switching to less labor intensive crops. Even with potential breakthroughs in mechanical harvest systems, the only hope for relief in the immediate future is through sensible immigration reform. Ultimately, I believe, consumers will need to vote with their dollars and be willing to pay more for the true cost of growing food locally here in California.

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ASK LAURA

Laura Tourte, Farm Management Advisor, UCCE

Sources of Information About California Agriculture

Q Where can I find more economic information about California agriculture?

A At our office we offer cost and return information for various crops produced in our area and the state, which can be found at http://cesantacruz.ucanr.edu/Farm_Management_Economics/ or <https://coststudies.ucdavis.edu/current/>. We also have access to other resources that may help with specific questions that you have. For example, many resources related to business management and marketing for small to mid-scale farms can be found at <http://ucanr.edu/sites/farmbus/>.

If you would like to learn about California's agriculture more broadly, the Departments of Agricultural and Resource Economics at UC Davis and UC Berkeley may be of interest to you. The professors and UC Cooperative Extension Specialists based in these departments perform a variety of economic analyses related to California, U.S., and international agriculture. Their web links are: <https://are.ucdavis.edu/> and <https://are.berkeley.edu/>.

One publication that is very useful is the Giannini Foundation's Agricultural and Resource Economics (ARE) Update, which can be accessed at <https://giannini.ucop.edu/publications/are-update/>. It is published six times per year, with articles on an array of issues that are (mostly) related to California agriculture. For example the January/February issue had an interesting article titled "Agricultural Groundwater Management in California: Possible Perverse Consequences". The authors give some background on groundwater management, policies, and incentive-based programs designed to decrease

water use, and possible downsides to using this approach for conservation of water resources. Other recent issues included topics on trade, labor cost issues and state regulation of livestock methane.

Another valuable resource is the UC Davis-based Agricultural Issues Center (AIC). The AIC features economic studies and working papers related to many topics, including international trade, policy, livestock and animal agriculture, and commodities and markets. Both current and past (archived) studies and presentations are accessible online. There is also a "recent news" section that discusses a variety of issues, while highlighting the work that the AIC is involved in. The web link is: <https://aic.ucdavis.edu/>.

Do check out these resources periodically – they often have information on emerging issues and topics related to California and Central Coast agriculture. Please contact our office with any additional questions you may have!



"In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock."

Thomas Jefferson

THE WATER NANNY

4:20

On the 20th of this month there will be a mass migration to the meadow at UCSC reaching a crescendo in a veil of smoke at 4:20 in the afternoon. For decades this trek has been a hallmark of our local UC, as is appropriate since Santa Cruz and the San Lorenzo Valley is one of the last natural refuges of the endangered *California Hippie*. Likewise for decades marijuana grows have been cut into the valley forests, their remoteness necessary to hide the illegal product from prying eyes.

Also decades ago, in the 1980s a few small farms ringing Monterey Bay started to produce Mesclun spring mix salad. Early spring mix was a varying combination of baby lettuces and herbs, washed in clean horse troughs and sold to local restaurants and at farmers markets. Then the price was \$18 for a 3 pound box of salad. The concept of ready to eat salads took off. A mere 15 years later, after installing vast stainless steel food-safe processing facilities and automated harvesting equipment, millions of dollars in capital improvements, the wholesale price per box had dropped to \$4.25 per box. Almost no small salad producers remain.

Other things have changed since the Age of Aquarius. Hippies smoked pot. Medical patients use marijuana. Now we have entered the age of commercial cannabis farmers. Your Nanny has been following these changes, advocating that the Farm Bureau increase its membership with marijuana growers in 2011, and last year predicting change in the wholesale pot market.

The February edition of *Cannabis Business Times* (a real publication) discussed pricing pressures as reflected by the "U.S. flower wholesale spot price" declining from December 2015 to December 2016 from \$1,800 per pound to \$1,500, a 17% decline. From December to January, 2017, the price declined an additional 5%. Last month's Cannabis 2017 Cultivation Conference in Oakland had a presentation entitled "The \$500 Pound: Preserving Your Profit Margin". This a mirror of the collapse of Mesclun salad sales.



Who cares? If you are a medical or recreational consumer

of pot this is very good news. From an environmental point this is also good news as mountain top grows will no longer be profitable and eventually return to nature. This is also good news for professional farmers as we already know how to compete with very slim margins on a large scale.



Given the likelihood of a significant decline in sales revenue from cannabis farming it may be wise to provide further input to Santa Cruz County on the new cannabis site limitations. Pot farmers, with the exception of security to prevent theft and acknowledgment that the product of the grow is subject to regulated distribution, should be treated like any commercial farmer. They should be subject to the same regulations for pesticide, fertilizer and water use. Likewise, there should not be a limitation on the extent of a permitted crop in an area zoned for commercial agriculture. Presently Santa Cruz limits cannabis to 2% of the property. This will only make Santa Cruz pot farmers unable to compete with our neighbors elsewhere in the state. We should be able to take advantage of our historical hippy legacy, not be victims of it.

"But I don't want to go among mad people," Alice remarked. "Oh, you can't help that," said the Cat: "we're all mad here. I'm mad. You're mad." "How do you know I'm mad?" said Alice. "You must be," said the Cat, "or you wouldn't have come here." (Alice's Adventures in Wonderland)

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FAVORITE RECIPES

STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE SCONES

This recipe came from Amy @ bellyfull.net

2 cups all-purpose flour	6 tablespoons chilled unsalted butter, cut into 1/4-inch cubes	<u>For the glaze:</u>
1 tablespoon baking powder	12 small strawberries, hulled & diced	3 cups powdered sugar
3 tablespoons granulated sugar	3/4 cup half and half	1/4 cup half and half
1/2 teaspoon salt		1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

In a large mixing bowl, combine flour, baking powder, sugar, and salt. Add butter and cut in with a pastry blender (or your hands) until mixture resembles crumbs.

Toss in strawberries and coat lightly with the flour mixture. Add half and half and fold together gently until the mixture just begins to come together and form a soft dough. (Do not knead or over mix the dough.)

Turn dough out onto a floured surface and pat into a 1-inch thick rectangle. With a sharp knife, cut the rectangle into 6

squares, then cut the squares on the diagonal to form 12 triangles. Place scones on prepared baking sheet and bake 16-18 minutes or until cooked through and golden.

Place a sheet of parchment on a work surface, then place a cooling rack over top of parchment. Remove scones from pan to cooling rack. Cool about 10 minutes.

In the meantime, make glaze by whisking together powdered sugar, vanilla, and half and half until smooth. (If glaze is too thick, add a bit more cream. If it's too thin, add more powdered sugar.) Generously drizzle scones with the glaze. (Glaze will firm up when scones are completely cool.) Eat and enjoy!

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Why Would Someone Need A Road Maintenance Agreement?



Road maintenance agreements are a useful neighbor to neighbor farm "tool". A road maintenance agreement describes you and your neighbor(s) rights and responsibilities to each other regarding the maintenance, repair or improvement of commonly used roads. Negotiating a road maintenance agreement causes everyone to discuss and agree before a problem arises.

Road maintenance agreements are often created to satisfy a lender or a buyer. Some lenders require only an easement (a right to use the road) and some require a maintenance agreement (a right or duty to pay to take care of the road).

California Civil Code § 845 says that the cost of repair or maintenance of a road easement owned by more than one person shall be controlled by any agreement between them. If no agreement exists, § 845 says the cost of "maintaining [the easement] in repair shall be shared in proportion to the use made of the easement." There is no definition of proportionate use. And section 845 does not have words that require sharing the cost of improving the easement (for example, paving an unpaved road, installing a gate where none exists or constructing drainage where none exists).

If an owner refuses, after a written demand, to pay their fair share of "maintaining the road in repair", other easement owners may bring an action either before, during or after the maintenance work. Owners may file a lawsuit in small claims court without a lawyer if the amount claimed is \$10,000 or less. Or they can file in the Superior Court if the amount exceeds \$10,000. Small claims court is almost always quicker and easier so it's prudent to make the claim before the repair obligation exceeds \$10,000.

So why might a road maintenance agreement be better? A road maintenance agreement can include alternative dispute resolution such as mediation, arbitration or a special master, road master or some other disinterested third person to gather facts, supervise allocation and perhaps manage the

work and collection of the obligations. In 2012 the legislature passed AB 1927 (Stats. 2012, c.244) which eliminated the right to appoint an "impartial arbitrator."

Another reason is that a road maintenance might have a broad definition of "preventive maintenance". This might reduce repair costs. A road maintenance agreement might also provide for sharing the cost of improving the road, that is, constructing something that was not there. And a road maintenance agreement might help where it's not easy to know what is considered "use" of the road. Is the use by a tractor the same as a car or truck? Another advantage of a road maintenance agreement is that it might provide for periodic dues so that a "war chest" might be accumulated to tackle bigger repair or maintenance problems. And lastly, a road maintenance agreement might include a provision for attorneys' fees when someone has to invoke the agreement to make a reluctant easement owner contribute.

Road maintenance agreements must be notarized and recorded to be enforceable against successor owners. Otherwise they are only enforceable against the person who signs.

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"Farm Bureau allows you to develop relationships with other people involved in farming and interact with officials who make decisions that affect our livelihood."

David Cavanaugh, Owner, Cavanaugh Color

FROM THE AG COMMISSIONER

By Juan Hidalgo, Agricultural Commissioner, Sealer of Weights and Measures

From Drought to Floods



This has been one of the wettest winters in California's history bringing record snow to the sierras and record rains to our region. Mammoth Mountain received a record 246 inches of snow in January alone, breaking the previous record of 209 inches set in December 2010, and has received a total of 520 inches of snow so far. The city of Santa Cruz has received over 44 inches of rain this water year! Does this mean the drought is over? According to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) the answer to this question depends on the evaluation of California's three primary sources of water: surface water, snowpack and groundwater. Surface water is runoff that replenishes rivers, lakes, and reservoirs and these resources are doing well this year. The snowpack provides about 30% of California's water supply and the sierras are estimated to be at 183 percent above normal. Determining the level of groundwater supply

is more difficult to assess as groundwater aquifers recharge slowly. Our increased dependence on groundwater during the last five years of the drought means that it will take years or decades for these to recover. The California Department of Water Resources performs its annual snowpack measurements on April 1 to assess the water content of the snowpack. If the sierras receive seasonal spring temperatures allowing for slow snowmelt runoff, this can help to further improve the extent to which aquifers are able to recharge. While all the precipitation has been a welcomed sight in our region, it has also resulted in agricultural damage to planted strawberry and caneberry fields and delayed planting of various vegetables due to flooding. Recently the Federal Government made a major disaster declaration as a result of the severe storms allowing the USDA to provide emergency farm loans for physical and crop production losses related to the storms. More information on the declaration can be found on the Agricultural Commissioner's website (www.agdept.com) under "News and Announcements."

To apply for assistance, contact our local Farm Service Agency located at: **744 La Guardia St., Bldg. A, Salinas, CA 93905-3354. Telephone: (831) 424-1036**

Tensiometers: A Cost Effective Solution For Monitoring Soil Moisture

By Chris Coburn, Executive Director, Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County

This month's article comes courtesy of the RCD's Agronomist, Gerry Spinelli: With the rainy season coming to an end, many growers are getting ready for the upcoming irrigation season. Soil moisture monitoring is one of the most effective strategies for informing irrigation scheduling decisions. Many instruments and service providers are available in the market, each offer different levels of technology (and prices). Distributed networks of sensors can be very effective, but that technology is limited to irrigators with a smart phone and internet access for checking the moisture levels in the soil before starting the pump.

Depending on the scale of your ranch and the size of your budget, you may want to consider tensiometers, relatively low-cost (\$100) and low-tech instruments, as a practical solution. Tensiometers come with a dial that is simple to read and measurements are easily interpreted to drive decisions whether or not to irrigate. It should not be difficult to train

your irrigator to inspect and read the instruments before irrigating.

As their name implies, tensiometers work by measuring the tension in the soil, which fluctuates based on the amount water present in the soil. The drier the soil, the more tension develops inside the tensiometer and the higher the reading at the gage.

Crop specific thresholds for the tension developed in the rootzone are available to decide when to irrigate and tensiometers of different depths can be bought at irrometer.com. For assistance with irrigation efficiency contact the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County at 464-2950 or the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service at 475-1967.

For more info about tensiometers and how to use them, visit: <http://cemonterey.ucanr.edu/files/171009.pdf>

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Poster and Poetry Contest Winners



Poster and Poetry Contest Winners Daisy Mendoza (L) and Alyssa Burchell (R)

Poster Contest Winners

1st Place: **Daisy Mendoza**, 6th Grade,
E. A. Hall Middle School, Watsonville

2nd Place: **Cienna Salles-Cunha**, 5th Grade,
Mar Vista Elementary School, Aptos

3rd Place: **Carem Ho**, 3rd Grade,
Valencia Elementary School, Aptos

Honorable Mention:

Anika Dawson, 5th Grade, Hall District Elementary School, Watsonville; **Josue Colimote Davis**, 5th Grade, Creekside School, Santa Cruz; **Meris Burchell**, 4th Grade, Creekside School, Santa Cruz; **Liam Johnson**, 3rd Grade, Valencia Elementary School, Aptos; **Adelaide Elisabeth Friedley**, 3rd Grade, Pacific Coast Charter School, Watsonville; **Basil Silver**, 6th Grade, Mountain Elementary School, Soquel; **Madi Taylor**, 5th Grade, Mountain Elementary School, Soquel; **Paris Piexoto**, 2nd Grade, Homeschool Project, Watsonville; **Hannah McKibben**, 5th Grade, Mountain Elementary School, Soquel; **Michaella Shanks**, 6th Grade, Mountain Elementary School, Soquel; **Ruby Swan**, 6th Grade Mountain Elementary School, Soquel; **Lillia Young**, 4th Grade, Watsonville Charter School of the Arts, Watsonville; **Anthony Gershom Toriz**, 4th Grade, Linscott Charter School, Watsonville

Also presented at the National Agriculture Day Spring Luncheon were the winners of the 2017 National Agriculture Day Poster and Poetry Contests. **Daisy Mendoza**, from E.A. Hall Middle School in Watsonville, won the poster contest. And **Alyssa Burchell**, from Creekside School in Santa Cruz, won the Poetry Contest and read her poem at the event.

Poetry Contest Winners

1st Place and Overall Winner:

Alyssa Burchell, 7th Grade

"A BIRD'S EYE VIEW"

Creekside School, Santa Cruz

2nd Place:

Ayla Ferrell, 7th Grade

"Nature's Jewels"

Santa Cruz Waldorf School, Santa Cruz

3rd Place:

Abigail Gerhold, 7th Grade

"The People Behind the Tiny Green Baskets"

Monte Vista Christian School, Watsonville

Honorable Mention:

Marisa Esau, 9th Grade, "Grown in the Pajaro Valley", Monte Vista Christian School, Watsonville; **Alina Aguilar**, 10th Grade, "The Valley of Dreams", Watsonville High School, Watsonville; **Trinity Claydon**, 7th Grade, "The Best Crops in the World", St. Abraham's Classical Christian Academy, Aptos; **Shayla Schmida**, 10th Grade, "Fields of Home", Homeschool, Freedom; **Ashley Rodriguez**, 7th Grade, "Pajaro Valley Bounty", Monte Vista Christian School, Watsonville.

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JIMMIE COX MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Jimmie Cox Memorial Scholarship



Jose German Basurto

A gri-Culture announced that **Jose German Basurto** has been awarded its 2017 Jimmie Cox Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship was presented at the National Agriculture Day Spring Luncheon on March 15th. This college scholarship is awarded to a student who is, or will be majoring in agriculture. Jose is currently in his senior year at Watsonville High School where he has been an honor roll student, played basketball and

is a member of the Business, Agriculture and Technology Academy (BATA) at Watsonville High.

Jose will be attending Fresno State University in the fall where he will be pursuing a career in Agricultural System Management. He hopes to graduate from college and return to Santa Cruz County with a better "...understanding about the crops that are grown here in Watsonville."

Agri-Culture President Steve Bontadelli stated, "We had many applicants this year, we wish we could have given them all a scholarship." Bontadelli further stated, "Jose is an outstanding individual. He is a well-rounded student and will be a great addition to the agriculture community when he finishes college."

Starting in 2012, Agri-Culture announced a partnership with American AgCredit. The recipient of the Jimmie Cox Memorial Scholarship also receives an additional \$2,000 award from the American AgCredit Scholarship Program. This brings the total scholarship amount that Jose will receive to \$4,000.

A special \$2,000 scholarship award was given to **Ashley Devery** who attended Aptos High School from 2012-2014. This is the first time the selection committee has decided to give an extra award to a student who applied for, but did not receive the Jimmie Cox Memorial Scholarship. Ashley is currently attending Oregon State University.

For more information about the Jimmie Cox Memorial Scholarship, please contact Agri-Culture at 722-6622 or see the website at www.agri-culture.us.

The Overall Winner 2017 Poetry Contest

A Bird's Eye View

By Alyssa Burchell

As an eagle sailed over green fields below,
He thought to himself, this fine-feathered fellow
"How fresh these crops look! How utterly fine!
Salad greens, cauliflower, and grapes on the vine!
Fresh apples, strawberries, and raspberries galore!
Everyone who savors these will surely want more!"

The farmers who rise so early each day
Work hard to grow veggies what are sold far away.

The eagle has a bird's eye view
Of all the things that are good for you!

It makes this bird so happy, you see

To observe all the things grown in Santa Cruz County.

100 Ag Related Activities

This is a special year for the **Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau** as it celebrates its **100th anniversary**. We have seen many changes in agriculture in the past 100 years, but agriculture has always remained a leading industry in this county.

Throughout 2017 we will be highlighting our 100th anniversary. We are encouraging the public to participate in 100 activities that relate to agriculture. The first 35 were released at the recent National Agriculture Day Spring Luncheon. Here are a few examples of the fun things you can do to help us celebrate: *Eat a Locally-Grown Organic Salad at California Grill, Taste locally produced cider at Martinelli's Company Store, Enjoy winetasting at Storrs Winery in Santa Cruz, UCSC Farm & Garden Spring Plant Sale 4/29-4/30, Purchase berries at the Driscoll's Berry Store, Sign up for Master Gardener Program at UCCE, Purchase a CSA Membership with Live Earth Farm, Read the Agricultural History of the Peixoto Family, Eat-a-Nita Pie at Gizdich Ranch.*

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AG NEWS

USDA Loans Available for Drought Losses

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has made emergency farm loans available to growers that suffered crop losses due to the recent drought. Qualifying counties (Santa Cruz County included) fall under the following drought classifications: D2 Severe Drought, D3 Extreme Drought and D4 Exceptional Drought.

Eligible Primary Counties include: Calaveras, Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Los Angeles, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, Monterey, Orange, Riverside, San Benito, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Stanislaus, Tulare, Tuolumne, Ventura. **Eligible Contiguous Counties include:** Alameda, Alpine, Amador, Contra Costa, Imperial, Sacramento, San Mateo and Santa Cruz.

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How to Apply: Contact your local **Farm Service Agency (FSA)** office at: **744 La Guardia St., Salinas 93905, Telephone: 831-424-1036.** Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

For additional information visit:

<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=fmlp&topic=efl> and/or www.agdept.com/AgriculturalCommissioner/GeneralInquiries.aspx

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