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Agricultural Employment Policy

The Senate Judiciary Committee on April 12 passed SB-365 (Scott Wiener). The bill will forbid a district court judge from staying a civil proceeding if either party appeals the finding as to whether the dispute is subject to arbitration. Staying the underlying litigation while the arbitration applicability decision is pending has been common practice, eliminating the need to litigate a dispute that will likely be found subject to arbitration. Several recent court decisions have upheld federal preemption under the Federal Arbitration Act of attempts by the Legislature to restrict arbitration. Farm Bureau opposes SB 365 since arbitration is a useful tool to manage employment litigation liability in California's litigious environment. Staff: Bryan Little; blittle@cfbf.com

The Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement Committee passed several bills on April 12 of concern to agricultural employers. SB-399 (Aisha Wahab) prohibits employers from conducting employee meetings in the context of a unionization campaign to explain the employer's opposition to unionization. Farm Bureau opposes because SB 399 is a clear-cut violation of an employer's First Amendment right to free speech, and will curb employer's right to fully inform employees about unionization activities. Staff: Bryan Little; blittle@cfbf.com

Farm Bureau also opposes SB-497 (Lola Smallwood-Cuevas), which creates a rebuttable presumption that any adverse



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personnel action is retaliatory if occurs with 90 days of the occurrence of activities protected from retaliation under the Labor Code, including reporting a violation of the Labor Code and cooperating with investigations related to violations of the Labor Code. As courts already consider proximity in time between protected activities and adverse personnel actions, SB 497 is redundant and further stacks the deck against employers' defense against accusations of retaliation. Farm Bureau opposes. Staff: Bryan Little; blittle@cbbf.com

SB-553 (Dave Cortese), writes into the Labor Code and imposes on all California employers the expansive and detailed requirements of Cal/OSHA's healthcare workplace violence regulation, promulgated by the agency in 2017 in response to incidents of violence by patients against healthcare providers in mental institutions. SB 553 will disrupt an ongoing regulatory process in which the agency is seeking to craft a workplace violence regulation more suited to general industry, where employers' physical sites and workforce are much different from healthcare environments. Farm Bureau opposes. Staff: Bryan Little; blittle@cbbf.com

On April 12, the Assembly Labor and Employment Committee advanced AB-524 (Buffy Wicks) adding "family caregiver status" to the list of protected classes covered by the Fair Employment and Housing Act. "Family member" is not limited to actual family members, but includes any person

the employee considers to be like family, vastly broadening the circumstances under which an employee can invoke family leave rights under FEHA. This will expand the circumstances under which employers will experience FEHA-related litigation, which is already extensive. Farm Bureau opposes. Staff: Bryan Little; blittle@cbbf.com

Later that day, the Assembly Labor Committee also passed AB-594 (Brian Maienschein) allowing local prosecutors like district attorneys and city attorneys to enforce the Labor Code, leading to inconsistent enforcement. AB 594 does not protect employers from double recovery under the Labor Code and the Private Attorneys General Act (PAGA). Farm Bureau opposes. Staff: Bryan Little; blittle@cbbf.com

CESA & Wildlife

The Fish and Game Commission has a scheduled meeting taking place in Fresno on April 19 and 20. Amongst the many agenda items the Commission will hear, the Sage Grouse petition will be addressed. The Commission received the petition at its February 8-9 meeting for evaluation. The Commission will provide their recommendation relating to the petition. The greater sage-grouse is a large, gallinaceous bird that evolved in sagebrush ecosystems. The greater sage-grouse is completely dependent on large expanses of sagebrush dominated habitat for existence. They depend on a variety of semiarid shrub-grassland habitats throughout their life cycle. Because sage-grouse

depend on high-quality habitats that historically were extensive in nature, they are often used as an indicator of the health of a broader ecosystem of sagebrush dependent species. CFB has historically worked with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), CDFW, and US Fish and Wildlife Services when concerns regarding the species have developed. Farm Bureau's ranching members continue to work proactively within these habitats to reduce conflict between livestock and the Sage Grouse. Farm Bureau staff will be participating in the hearing and providing comments. Staff: Katie Little, klittle@cbbf.com

Climate Change

A Farm Team Alert went out today to our members regarding SB-709 (Senator Ben Allen). This legislation if passed and went into effect would eliminate the dairy sector's ability to continue reducing methane emissions. There has been tremendous progress made on this issue and this legislation would hurt both potential investments in dairy digesters as well as additional progress on reducing future greenhouse gas emissions. It's important to note that even the California Air Resources Board acknowledges the progress of methane reductions in its 2022 Scoping Plan for Achieving Carbon Neutrality. Because of these concerns, The Farm Bureau opposes Senate Bill 709 along with a broad agricultural coalition and hope you will register your individual opposition as well through your Farm Alert. Staff: Chris Reardon; creardon@cbbf.com

Disaster Assistance

USDA and CDFA hosted a webinar this week regarding disaster assistance that encountered technical difficulties. We understand CDFA may re-schedule the live presentation. In the interim, the recorded webinar can be found here:
 •California Disaster Assistance Webinar | Farmers.gov
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Additional resources can be found here:
 •The Farm Production and Conservation Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool, Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet, and Loan Assistance Tool can help producers and landowners determine program or loan options.

The resource guide outlines USDA Rural Development (RD) programs and services that can help rural residents, businesses and communities impacted by disasters and support long-term planning and recovery efforts. | Resource Guides: PDF (English) | PDF (Español)
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Insurance

SB-505, sponsored by the California Farm Bureau and the California Department of Insurance, passed from the Senate Insurance Committee with unanimous bi-partisan support. Authored by Senator Susan Rubio, SB 505 would instruct the FAIR Plan to include commercial insurance policies in a process called the "clearinghouse" that is limited today to homeowner policies. The bill will help farmers to move homeowner and commercial insurance policies back to the competitive marketplace and stabilize the FAIR Plan. The bill moves next to the Senate Appropriations Committee. Staff: Peter Ansel; pansel@cbbf.com

Rural Broadband

CDFA is part of the State Digital Equity team led by the Department of Technology and the California Public Utilities Commission. The agencies are working together to offer a series of planning workshops regarding rural broadband. The first ones are this week. Local organizations and community members are urged to attend and encouraged to make their voices heard in the development of a five-year action plan to determine how future federal dollars are allocated to address digital inequities.

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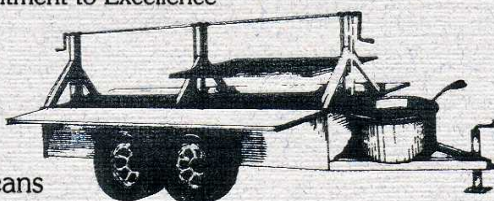
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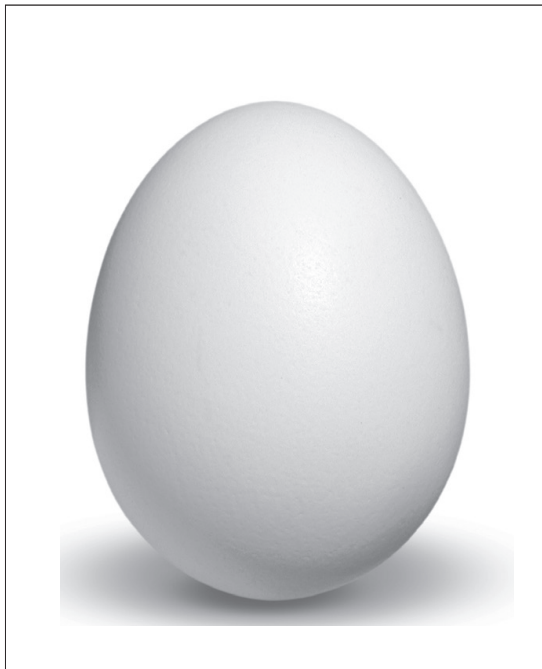
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How Produced – There are many methods of commercial egg production in the United States, including caged, cage-free, organic, free-range, and specialty eggs. All eggs produced in California are from hens living in cage-free housing, where hens are allowed to roam around a poultry house (cage-free) or outside (free-range). The egg is formed in the reproductive tract of a female chicken, called a hen. Hens start laying eggs at 19 weeks of age. To produce one egg, it takes a hen 24-26 hours. Each laying hen produces 250 to 300 eggs each year. Most eggs are laid between the hours of 7:00-11:00 a.m. Chickens must be fed a balanced diet and plenty of water each day. The hen house must be kept clean and be secure from predators. To keep hens laying year-round, producers must ensure adequate hours of daylight each day, usually 14 hours. When days get shorter in the winter months, artificial lighting helps the hens maintain production. Once laid, eggs move quickly from the hen house to the egg processing area where they are washed, graded, and sized. Eggs are packaged by size, varying from peewee to jumbo, and shipped to retail outlets. Most eggs produced today will be in the supermarket within 72 hours. Eggs have excellent keeping quality; when kept in the egg carton and properly refrigerated, clean eggs that are free from cracks will keep for months. Egg consumption nationwide is estimated at 277 eggs per person, but in California the average is 339 eggs per person. California is the number one egg consuming state in the U.S.

Breeds – The Single Comb White Leghorn is the principle breed used for production of white shell table eggs. There are various breeds that lay brown eggs. The only difference between brown and white shelled eggs is the color of the shell, there is no nutritional difference.

Commodity Value – The farm gate value of California egg production is estimated at \$537,600,000 million. In 2020, nearly 14 million laying hens produced four billion eggs in California. With an average price of \$1.30 per dozen, the total value of California egg production is \$425 million. Five percent of the eggs produced in California are exported to international destinations, approximately 17 million dozen eggs annually. The value of exported eggs, including value-added products such as cooked scrambled eggs and hard-boiled eggs, totals \$12 million each year.

Top Producing Counties – One half of California's egg production is in the southern part of the state including San Bernardino, Riverside, and San Diego counties.



One half of the state's production is in northern California. The majority of egg farms in northern California are in the San Joaquin Valley with considerable egg production in San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, and Kern counties. Petaluma in Sonoma county was once known as the "egg basket of the world."

History – Egyptian and Chinese records show that fowl have been laying eggs for man since 1400 B.C. Europe has had domesticated hens since 600 B.C. Chickens came to the New World with Columbus on his second trip in 1493. While it is customary to throw rice at weddings in many countries, French brides break an egg on the threshold of their new home before stepping in,

for luck and healthy babies. At the time of the French Revolution, the French already knew 685 different ways of preparing eggs.

Nutritional Value – Table eggs are nutrient dense and one of nature's most perfect foods. Foods that supply significant amounts of one or more nutrients compared to the number of calories they supply are called nutrient dense. Nutrient dense foods help you get needed nutrients without excess calories. Each egg contains 13 essential vitamins and minerals, 6 grams of high quality protein, and the antioxidants lutein and zeaxanthin. A large egg contains 70 calories and 185 milligrams of cholesterol. Eggs contain the highest quality protein of any food. Studies show that students perform better in school after eating a high protein breakfast. Eggs are also a source of choline, an essential nutrient that contributes to fetal brain development and helps prevent birth defects.

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By: Anna Genasci

In 1951 two immigrants from Holland and 10 kids came through Elis Island.

One of those young kids, or to use his words, "little brats," was Pete Verburg. "My parents had guts to leave Holland. We didn't speak English and had no idea how big the U.S. was."

Now this is obviously not the beginning of Pete's involvements in Farm Bureau, but it definitely paints the picture of Pete's tenacity for speaking up and getting involved. Especially after twice, having his family and dairy, "booted" out of their home.

"We had one of the largest dairies in Holland, but there was no opportunity there. Holland wanted to turn that area into retirement flats," shared Pete.

So, with a couple hundred dollars, and "guts," Pete, his parents and siblings ventured to the U.S. In New Jersey they got on a Greyhound bus and traveled to Los Angeles. Pete's dad had 2 brothers who moved to California in the 1930s. For five hot days and nights, Pete and family traveled on a bus. "In Chicago a lady on the bus noticed we were tired and hungry, she got us off the bus, got us a meal and a good night sleep."

In Torrance Beach City, in LA County on Crenshaw Blvd, Pete and his family joined his two Uncles where they operated a dairy cash and carry.

"We lived in a two-bedroom house. Before my parents left Holland, they shipped some furniture. When the furniture arrived, we turned the container into another bedroom, five of us brothers slept in there." Pete was 9 years old.

The Verburgs were in LA for about 7 years before getting pushed out, yet again. "We were one of the last dairies to leave. The county didn't want

any more animal agriculture, so we moved to Modesto, my dad had heard about a place for sale there."

Fast forward a couple of years, Pete, and his now wife Janie, were just 18 and 21 when they got married. And living in Modesto, "I got to know our neighbors and they said join the Farm Bureau Board. I was just 25 when I went to my first meeting. It seemed like the group wasn't interested in doing anything new or different, I have always been vocal," shared Pete.

"Bob Taro nominated me to the Board as a North West Director, the youngest director on the board at the time," said Pete.

It wasn't long after that, Pete found himself in a leadership position and eventually became President. "Labor was the big issue. During my Presidency was the peach labor strike. We even went to Washington D.C. Rolland Starn, Don Morelli and I went to D.C. to negotiate."

"I was sent to talk with the la-

bor union representative. I said 'hey let's settle this, food is rooting,' we lost the crop that year."

Seems like labor is still an issue today, "our government is leaning the wrong way," said Pete.

There were several changes during Pete's time as President. Farm Bureau hired a New Executive Director Jan Ennenga, and bought the building we currently reside in today. Prior to that, the Farm Bureau Office was on 8th Street and too small. But according to Pete, leaving the small building was a bit of a big fight. The change to the building on L Street has served our Board and Members well.


"During my years in Farm Bureau I became the County Dairy Chair and State Dairy Chair. During those 18 years I fully enjoyed being a part of the Farm Bureau family," smiled Pete.

Pete said his favorite memories of his Farm Bureau tenure was the friendships he made. People like Don Morelli, Bob Taro, Bill


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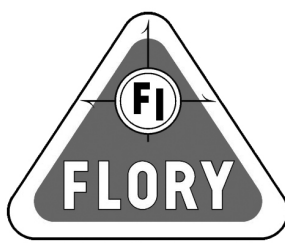
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Looking at all of the challenges that Farm Bureau faces, sometimes it seems we are in a battle we may never win. I recently participated in a webinar hosted by the Department of Pesticide Regulation, where environmental justice representatives likened farmers to criminals.

It made me think, has it always been like this, or are consumers so far removed from where their food is grown and the people who grow it, that they are comfortable making this comparison?

So I decided to dig a little deeper. Looking back at the history of our County Farm Bureau, specifically our past leaders, what can we learn as we move forward in these challenging times.

Stanislaus County Farm Bureau

was established over a hundred years ago, in that time we've had 50 Presidents. If you have ever been in our boardroom you can see the wall of past presidents, mostly black and white photos of past leaders. What would these folks say about the challenges that we face today?

So, I decided to ask them.

From 1982 to 1984 Don Morelli served as Stanislaus County Farm Bureau President.

Don grew up in Marin County on his family's Dairy. Don's dad demanded straight A's, so Don's schedule consisted of school, working at the dairy and on Tuesdays he got to take flying classes.

Don loves to fly. He became a pilot at an early age and has even built his own airplane.

Flying wasn't his only love. During his last quarter at Cal Poly he met Dian.

Married about a year later, "Dian was learning how to keep

cow records and what life on the dairy meant," Don shared with a chuckle, "just as she was getting the hang of being a dairyman's wife, I joined the Army."

"My brother had been in the Army and came home and said 'you have to do this, it's a great experience.'" Don spent the next five and a half years serving in the Army.

In 1971, Don and his wife moved to Modesto, to dairy in the Central Valley.

Don was no stranger to service, his time in the military, he had previously been on the Marin County Farm Bureau Board, and with Stanislaus County as his new home, he joined the Farm Bureau here.

"I've always been a supporter of the Farm Bureau. We can't be asleep at the wheel. People should know that we work everyday and we're proud of what we do. I believe the Farm Bureau is the best agricultural organization out there, but we have to be better."

I can't tell you how many times since this interview with Don, that I have thought of what he said. He's right, we can't fight amongst ourselves, different commodities, dueling water situations, East Side versus West Side, the only way we're going to make it through drought, politics and whatever else comes our way, is if we stick together as an industry.

Don compared the problems of his time as minor in comparison to the challenges we tackle today. "I came here milking 160 cows, shipping milk in the late 70s and early 80s, there was more milk than could be processed. I found myself on a committee to speak to the Board of Supervisors to address the issue. We should have been fighting for the marketplace, not with each other."

Eventually, Don began shipping his milk to Hilmar Cheese and as time went on, he had the very first robotic dairy in the US. "I love cows, working on a dairy is watching God's nature at work."

While serving on the Board, Don said the Farm Bureau gave him more than he ever gave to Farm Bureau. "I can remember going to Sacramento for training on how to conduct yourself in an interview. They recorded us and we had to watch it back. It was important that we learned to talk to the media and to be clear with our message." Not surprisingly, Farm Bureau offers that very same training to this day.

Don and Dian raised three "wonderful" children. Each time Don spoke about his kids it was with a smile. After 51 years of marriage Don lost Dian, Don choked up mentioning the loss of his wife. "For 51 years I was

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Common Threads honors 13 women in agriculture for their service

Farm Credit again serves as a top-level sponsor of awards to recognize women's contributions to agriculture and their communities

Anthropologist Margaret Mead once said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

That is the core of Common Threads, an awards program that recognizes women in agriculture in the San Joaquin Valley and Northern California for their service to agriculture and to their communities. As the Common Threads North awards program put it:

"Agriculture is the common thread of all honorees. Their contributions are symbolic of the rich, colorful threads used to fashion a multifaceted tapestry, not unlike the agricultural diversity of our region. The common threads of our tapestry display an array of cultures, ages, and regions. Some threads are vivid and bright, like the colorful bounty of our land's harvest. Some are as soft as well-used denim and a little faded with age. Some have the tensile strength of iron; others the complexity and richness of fine lace."

Colleen Cecil, executive director of the Butte County Farm Bureau and a member of the Common Threads North committee, which recognizes women from Stanislaus County north to the Oregon border, said it was important to honor the contributions of women to agriculture.

"Women are often overlooked because they're busy working bees in the background and they don't get the spotlight," Cecil said.

"Other programs recognize outstanding people, but this is the only one I know of about women in ag. It's special to get

this award because you've been nominated by others who hold you in high regard. I've had the opportunity to read the applications and letters of recommendation, and I just want to give everyone an award. We're grateful to be able to bring attention to these women."

Rebecca Quist, the chair of the Common Threads Fresno committee, which recognizes women in Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced and Tulare counties, noted that the committee's honorees represent a wide variety in ages.

"Ag has no age limit. The women we recognize are legacy women – whether they've done things quietly behind the scenes or they're part of a newer generation where they're out-front advocating in a public forum," she said.

In the Fresno area, seven honorees were honored on March 1 at a luncheon in Clovis: Lucy Arenias, Fresno; Aubrey Bettencourt, Hanford; Juanita Calzadillas-Pedrozo, Merced; Holly Rosa, Hanford; Nanette Simonian, Fowler; Sheri Kanagawa, Hanford; and Tricia Stever Blattler, Honorary Recipient, Tulare.

And in the north, six women were recognized at a dinner in Winters on April 5: Geri Byrne, Tulelake; Bonnie Fernandez-Fenaroli, Woodland; Bobbin Mulvaney, Sacramento; Audrey Z. Tennis, Chico; Linda Walker, Los Molinos; and Sharron Zoller, Kelseyville.

AgWest Farm Credit, American AgCredit, CoBank and Fresno Madera Farm Credit have collectively contributed more than \$35,000 to support Common Threads as top-level sponsors since 2015. The organizations are part of the nationwide Farm Credit System – the largest provider of credit to U.S. agriculture.

Mark Littlefield, President and CEO of AgWest Farm Credit, said Farm Credit supports Common Threads because of the importance of women in

agriculture.

"Each of the women honored this year has made outstanding contributions to California agriculture, whether managing operations of their family farming business, through work in organizations supporting agriculture or both," Littlefield said. "And since so many younger women are taking on even more important roles in farming and ranching, they will help ensure a strong future for agriculture in the state."

Keith Hesterberg, President and CEO of Fresno Madera Farm Credit, added that the philanthropic efforts of women in agriculture are a cornerstone of the health of farming communities around the state.

"Since the founding of our nation, rural America has evolved through a unique commitment to volunteerism that has strengthened and improved our communities," Hesterberg said. "The Common Threads winners truly exemplify this trait as all have given generously of their time over the years to work on projects that have made a real difference."

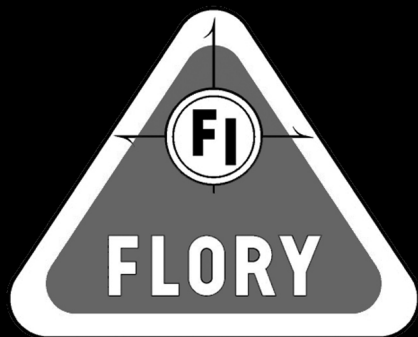
The Common Threads program also benefits the recipients' communities, Holman noted, as some of the proceeds from the awards events benefit a charity designated by each of the honorees.

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About Common Threads: The Common Threads program was launched in 1997 by the California Agricultural Leadership Foundation and the College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology and the Ag One Foundation at California State University, Fresno. The Agricultural Leadership Foundation launched Common Threads North in 2003 in conjunction with the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at the University of California, Davis, California Women in Agriculture and nine county Farm Bureaus. For information about Common Threads North, visit <https://www.commonthreads-north.com> and for more information about the Central Valley program, visit <https://www.agleaders.org/alumni/common-threads-central-valley/>.



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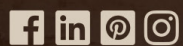
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Farm Bureau At Work

Source: AgAlert

A “Farm Team Alert” went out last week to California Farm Bureau members regarding Senate Bill 709, by state Sen. Ben Allen, D-Santa Monica.

This legislation, if passed, would eliminate the dairy sector’s ability to continue reducing methane emissions.

There has been tremendous progress made on this issue, and Farm Bureau is arguing the legislation would hurt potential investments in dairy digest-

ers and additional progress on reducing future greenhouse gas emissions.

Because of these concerns, the Farm Bureau and a broad agricultural coalition oppose SB 709. Farm Bureau is urging its members to register opposition through the Farm Team Alert program.

California dairy and livestock producers are required by state law to cut methane emissions by 40% below 2013 levels by 2030. It is important to note that the California Air Resources Board acknowledged the ongo-

ing progress of dairy methane reduction efforts in its 2022 Scoping Plan for Achieving Carbon Neutrality.

In January, a study in the journal Atmosphere by researchers at the University of California, Davis, and the California Department of Food and Agriculture also noted advancements being made by manure management technologies used by dairies to curb methane gas emissions. Frank Mitloehner, director of the UC Davis Clarity and Leadership for Environmental Awareness and Research Center, called the dairy

efforts “a truly bright spot on the greenhouse gas horizon.”

The California Fish and Game Commission is meeting in Fresno this week for its April 19-20 session. The agenda items to be heard include a petition by the Center for Biological Diversity to list the greater sage grouse as a protected species under the California Endangered Species Act.

The commission initially received the petition at its Feb. 8-9

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married to a perfect woman. We built this together," Don shared as eyes glanced over his beautiful home.

Today Don has seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and one more on the way, "I thank God everyday."

Over the last decades Don has served on Hospital Boards, hosted San Francisco students on his dairy, written seven books and traveled the world.

I asked Don, "You seem to be a busy guy with a lot of irons still in the fire." "Well," said Don, "God didn't put me here to waste time. I make it a goal to accomplish something daily."

Today Don's favorite hobby is spending time in his barn refurbishing tools. I was fortunate enough to end the interview with a tour of the barn and all of Don's projects, and let me just say, it's quite impressive.

While sitting, in what can only be described as Don's spot in the house, he makes himself comfy in his chair that looks out a large window. Just over his right shoulder, hanging on the wall, perfectly spaced, are framed pictures of the people who have influenced Don's life. "Each day I look at each photo, I say a little prayer for the people who have influenced my life." What a sweet message of gratitude.

As we began to wrap things up, I asked Don what advice would you give our current president. "Be thankful that you are working with farmers. They believe in God, hard work, taking care of the soil and their fellow man."

Wow, I can only hope that as a County Farm Bureau we continue to have the privilege of telling the story of farmers, ranchers and dairymen like Don.

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From Pete Verburg on page 8

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After 59 years in the dairy business Pete still loves it. "Every day is a new challenge, something different. Pete is proud of the quality of milk they produce, and recently earned the Milk Quality Award from the State of California.

But like so many others in our industry, Pete talks about the trials of labor, land cost and over regulation and water shortages.

And like so many successful dairy farms, it takes a strong team. "Janie put up with a lot while I was out at Farm Bureau meetings, she was always very supportive of my time away from the dairy. Janie chimed in,

"he never missed a meeting!"

Pete has some words for our current President Eric Heinrich. "So many times, people join boards for the wrong reasons, they are glory hounds, you get out of Farm Bureau what you put into it - get something done! Don't just show up, eat dinner and repeat!"

While you won't see Pete at Board Meetings any more, come to an Annual Meeting. Each year he joins us and opens the meeting by singing 'God Bless America.'

Pete closed with this, "thank you to Farm Bureau for the activism, yesterday, today, and tomorrow."



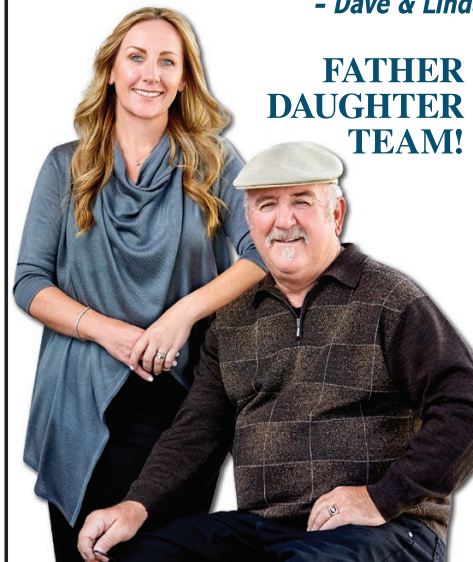
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More than Chickens

By: Anna Genasci

I went to jail last week. Yes, you read that right. Well, I actually visited jail. I thought I would spend an hour or so meeting with the Sheriff and members on his team to discuss the new laying hen and goat facilities. But, what transpired was three hours with the Lieutenant and Deputy who are really trying to make a difference.

I have always believed that agriculture was special and that the people working with animals and in the soil have the best job in the world. But it's

more than that. Working with animals and having responsibility for something beyond yourself can be transformative.

Over a year ago, the Sheriff was at a conference where he learned more about the 11,000 acre farm in Tulare County Jail. Sheriff Jeff Dirkse thought to himself, "what can we do with the space that we have?" While they don't have 11,000 acres to work with, they do have room enough for a chicken coop and a goat barn.

About a year ago, Lieutenant Timothy Burns and Deputy Mack Quillen, tested their agricultural skills, piloting 20 laying

hens - their version of an inmate operated farm.

Lieutenant Burns has been with the Sheriff's Department for about 17 years while Deputy Quillen just the last 6, having had an entire career previously in the construction business. Those skills have come in handy starting the farm with a coop for the chickens.

Now keep in mind, these gentlemen aren't farmers by trade and had to learn the ins and outs of caring for the animals before bringing in inmates and training them.

"The agriculture community has been very supportive," shared Lieutenant Burns, "we got help from companies like JS West and Foster Farms, and they even donated some of the supplies."

The 20 laying hens quickly grew to 150 as the program became a favorite of inmates who are serving their time in the REACT Center and meet the qualifications for the program.

The REACT (Re-Entry and Enhanced Alternative to Custody Training) Center is a 51,000sf complex located within the 127 acre Stanislaus County Public Safety Center site. The REACT consists of 2 separate buildings connected by a courtyard.

The goal of the REACT Center is to reduce recidivism, the ten-

dency of a convicted criminal to reoffend. Lieutenant Burns shared, "we want hands-on activities and education. Agriculture is big in this community. Hopefully we're planting a seed of interest that can lead to meaningful employment and open doors for them down the road."

Deputy Quillen oversees the program on a daily basis and shared that both male and female inmates enjoy the program. "They love it. They collect the eggs, they wash them, they clean the nesting boxes and feed and water the birds daily. It's time outside of the unit, it's time outside and I see them taking ownership and pride while they learn to care for these animals."

The eggs are collected daily and hard-boiled in the kitchen and made available to inmates and staff. As the chickens became popular the team decided to dabble in the goat business.

Now, you may know that our Stanislaus County Sheriff is Jeff Dirkse and that he also serves as a coroner. But did you know he is also Director of OES?

And this is where the goats come in. Goats can be a useful resource for fire abatement. They're called 'nature's lawnmowers' for a reason. Goats are hungry, agile, and far from picky. Across California, herds of goats are being used to prevent wildfires. The Sheriff will use them for weed abatement on county property.

Sheriff Dirkse shared that the goats "haven't been deployed yet," but they are already a favorite part of REACT's program. Right now, the goats enjoy the comforts of a cozy barn and fields for grazing cared for by the inmates.

Of course while visiting, I got to meet the chickens, the goats and Kizi, the Anatolian Shepherd goat-guard-dog.

See Chickens on page 23



Livestock Passes have come to Stanislaus County

Source: Stanislaus County Ag Commissioner's Office

Keeping with this issue's theme of Livestock, the Stanislaus County Agricultural Commissioner's Office would like to introduce our newest program, Livestock Pass. The purpose of the Livestock Pass program is to provide a pathway for bona fide commercial livestock producer passholders to access to their properties to care for stock during wildfire or similar disaster when roads are closed and evacuations have been ordered.

The Livestock Pass state-wide legal framework was brought forward in Assembly Bill 1103 by Megan Dahle, and after a series of amendments, signed into law by Governor Newsom in October 2021. The years of drought and series of wildfire events across the state in recent years has definitely highlighted the plight of Cattle Ranchers. Some areas of the state have seen not just huge

losses of rangeland but huge losses of livestock. Since the passage of AB1103, the framework has been established so any county board of supervisors can approve a Livestock Pass program for their county. Stanislaus County took the Livestock Pass program to the board of supervisors in November 2022 and set to work building out the program.

The bill lays out the requirements to qualify for a pass. Each ranching operation must supply documentation from a list to prove they are a commercial enterprise. Maps must be provided for any parcel where access is sought. Inspections of the livestock may take place for verification purposes. There are also requirements for the personal information that must be listed on each issued pass and definitions for what constitutes a qualified livestock producer. Each pass applicant must attend a mandatory fire safety training covering basic fire behavior, communications during a disaster emergency, and incident command structure. The State Fire Marshal was given until January 1, 2023, to develop the curriculum.

Livestock Passes will be issued to owners, operators, or managerial employees of commercial livestock operations. The property must be within the State Responsibility Area (CalFire responsibility), be at least 20 acres in size, and be stocked with at least 20 head or 20 beehives. Prior to a Pass being issued, a qualified producer must attend a 4-hour fire safety workshop presented by CalFire. Access with a livestock pass shall be limited to the purposes of sheltering, moving, transporting, evacuating, feeding, watering, or administering veterinary care to livestock, or providing local expertise (identifying access roads, water points, and other local knowledge) that may assist firefighters or other emergency response personnel. Possession of an Ag Livestock Pass card does not grant any rights or privileges and does not necessarily mean the cardholder will be able to pass through road closures to get to their farm or ranch. If there is imminent danger, front-line emergency personnel are empowered to use discretion when it comes to protecting emergency crews and the public from unneces-

sary exposure to risk.

However, in those cases when the boundaries of the closure area include agricultural land not deemed at imminent risk, the Livestock Pass may allow managerial employees or owners access to agricultural property at the discretion of front-line emergency personnel.

Now that all of the pieces have been developed and put into place, the Stanislaus County Agricultural Commissioner's office has worked with the UC Cooperative Extension Office to set up our first fire training safety training sessions and to start accepting applications. This year's training sessions are being held in conjunction with long standing area rancher's meetings. The first is being held on the Westside at the West Stan Fire District on April 6, 2023, and the second will be held for the Eastside at Harvest Hall on April 17, 2023. Applications can be found on our website at <https://www.stanag.org/ag-livestock-pass.shtm>.

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From Chickens on page 21

Deputy Quillen built a portable water station and the goats travel with fencing to keep them in the area that needs some pruning.

Like the chickens, inmates are responsible for their care, feeding, checking water, providing supplements and minerals, and

checking their hooves.

The animal units are not the only opportunities made available for inmates serving in the REACT Center. There is an on-site welding program, landscaping and inmates can serve on the graffiti abatement team and roadside pickup. They can learn to operate tractors, lawn mowers, and skid steers. The



philosophy is, keep them busy, build their skills, and keep them learning.

While many jails and prisons have programs for inmates, the REACT Center has a one-to-one ratio. Lieutenant Burns explained that for every bed in the Center, there is a corresponding chair in a classroom for an inmate to participate in a program.

These programs allow inmates time outside Monday through Friday, multiple times a day, to care for these animals.

During my visit, I was given the opportunity to speak with two female inmates who are active participants in the laying hen and goat programs.

Per their request, I will not share their names, but I will share their comments about the programs.

“It teaches responsibility and I love being outside, it’s a good program. It teaches me how to take care of the animals, how to work with tools - something to look forward to. This county really tries to help you. I worked as a ranch hand at one time and I really like working with the goats, I have a favorite one.”

Having just visited the goats

I knew exactly the one she meant, the super friendly one who wanted to nibble the cuffs of my jeans.

She also shared that she has completed a Microsoft office program and is a member of the WOW group, ‘Women of Wisdom.’

Well she may have loved the goats. The other inmate I spoke with really enjoys the chickens.

“I have no farming background, but I do love animals and now I know I could do this. I love working with the chickens. There’s more to do than with the goats.”

She also shared with pride that she had finished the ACCI packets, a self-paced educational program that results in a certificate.

So what do next steps look like? Lieutenant Burns shared that someday, down the road, he would love to see a super garden, but likes to take on these projects slowly and do it right.

I must say that doing this interview was impactful. It solidified my belief that working with animals and the soil can truly be transformative. I saw the look on the inmates’ faces as they spoke with pride about these animal programs, where they get to care for these animals.

And the other key takeaway. People like Lieutenant Burns, Deputy Quillen and the Sheriff are truly trying to give these folks a chance at meaningful employment after serving their time. The ultimate goal is to never see these inmates back in custody again.

A huge thank you to Lieutenant Burns and Deputy Quillen for spending a better part of their day with me, talking about the program and sharing the amazing programs they are making happen!

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meeting for evaluation and is due to provide its recommendation.

The greater sage grouse is a large, gallinaceous bird that evolved in sagebrush ecosystems. It is completely dependent on large expanses of sagebrush-dominated habitat for existence.

The bird depends on a variety of semiarid shrub-grassland habitats throughout its life cycle. Because sage grouse depend on high-quality habitats that historically were extensive in nature, the birds are often used as an indicator of the health of a broader ecosystem of sagebrush-dependent species.

California Farm Bureau has long worked with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife when concerns regarding the species have developed. Farm Bureau's ranching members continue to work proactively within sage grouse habitats to reduce conflict between livestock and the birds.

Farm Bureau staff is participating in the Fish and Game Commission hearing and providing comments.

Senate Bill 505, sponsored by the California Farm Bureau and the California Department of Insurance, passed from the Senate Insurance Committee with unanimous bipartisan support

last week. (See related commentary on Page 2 from Napa County Farm Bureau President Peter Nissen and CEO Ryan Klobas.)

Authored by state Sen. Susan Rubio, D-Baldwin Park, SB 505 would instruct the California FAIR Plan to include commercial insurance policies in a process called the "clearinghouse" that is limited today to homeowner policies.

The bill would help farmers by moving homeowner and commercial insurance policies back to the competitive marketplace and stabilize the FAIR Plan. The bill moves this week to the Senate Appropriations Committee.



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Storms create challenges for small farmers and farmers markets
 Storms that battered farms across California took an especially harsh toll on small organic farmers who rely on farmers markets to sell their produce. Across the Sacramento Valley, organic farmers have reported harvest and planting delays, which will be felt for months. The flood impacts come after a challenging winter, in which crop losses and production gaps resulted in slim vegetable selections at farmers markets. Meanwhile, the unusually wet weather may test organic farmers, who are wary of pests and diseases this year.

Imperial Valley farmers await federal actions on Colorado River supplies

The federal government is considering two options to prevent the Colorado River from running dry. Both plans announced last week would require water users in the river's Lower Basin to dramatically cut their use. The April 11 announcement of the two plans by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation came after the seven states that draw water from the river failed over several months to form a consensus on how to cut their water use. The outcome could significantly affect farming in California's Imperial Valley.

Farmers in Shasta, Scott River regions still face state water restrictions

Farmers along the Scott River and Shasta River watersheds in Siskiyou County have faced curtailments of water supplies since 2021. After storms dramatically increased snowpack and reservoir levels this year, a March 23 executive order by the governor temporarily suspended drought curtailment orders for some watersheds. But farmers in the Shasta and Scott watersheds respectively will remain under drought-emergency restrictions until at least April 30 and May 2, state officials say.

New California program pays ranchers for livestock losses, impacts from wolves

A new state program is compensating ranchers for livestock losses due to wolf depredation. California has allocated \$3 million for the pilot program. The first two parts were implemented last year to begin compensating farmers for livestock losses and deterrence. By early April this year, 32 applications had been processed and approved, with a total compensation request of nearly \$440,000. Of the 32 applications, 11 were for direct livestock losses and 21 were for wolf deterrence methods.

California's top citrus region digs out of muck after storms

Growers in Tulare County normally enjoy harvest and fragrant orange blossoms this time of year. But last month's flooding requires an extensive cleanup operation and is a major challenge for the state's top citrus-growing region. The county produces California's largest share of navel and Valencia oranges and mandarins. Now farmers are dealing with standing water in groves, mucky sediment and driftwood strewn across their ranches. More than 60%

of the citrus crop has been picked, but the wet weather has resulted in export windows being missed.

Six groundwater subbasins working to improve sustainability plans

California water officials have signaled a willingness to allow six San Joaquin Valley groundwater subbasins to bring aquifer plans into compliance with state sustainability mandates. Officials have ruled that plans for the six subbasins fail to meet requirements of California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, which could trigger state intervention. However, the State Water Resources Board is so far allowing the subbasins—Chowchilla, Delta-Mendota, Kaweah, Kern County, Tulare Lake and Tule—to improve plans to bring aquifers into balance.

Rice, corn and dry bean plantings expected to increase, as wheat acreage declines

Having more water this year has not necessarily boosted state plantings of field crops. Of crops tracked by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, only three—corn, rice and dry beans—are projected to increase in acreage. Rice, in particular, is expected to make a major comeback. Last year, the Sacramento Valley rice region fallowed vast acreage. This year, California's rice plantings are expected to reach 404,000 acres—compared to 256,000 acres in 2022. But total wheat acreage this year is expected to be among the lowest in state history.

EPA gives go-ahead to California's zero-emissions truck plan

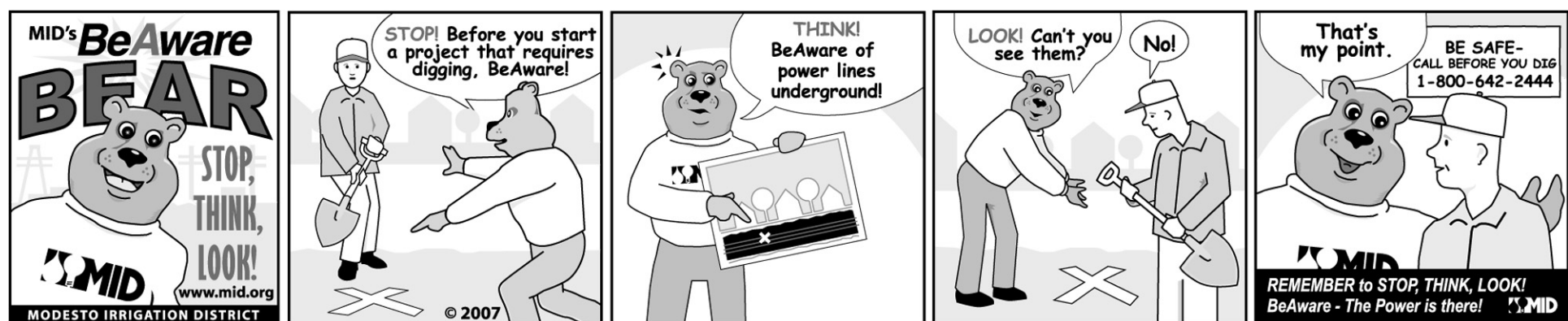
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has approved California's plan to phase out the sale of diesel-fueled heavy-duty trucks. The plan covers big rigs that transport much of the state's agricultural goods, as California seeks to reduce pollution and carbon emissions. Agricultural groups, including the California Farm Bureau, have expressed concerns that the California Air Resources Board's zero-emissions plan could disrupt transportation of livestock and fresh produce across the state due to a shortage of electric vehicles, charging stations and drivers.

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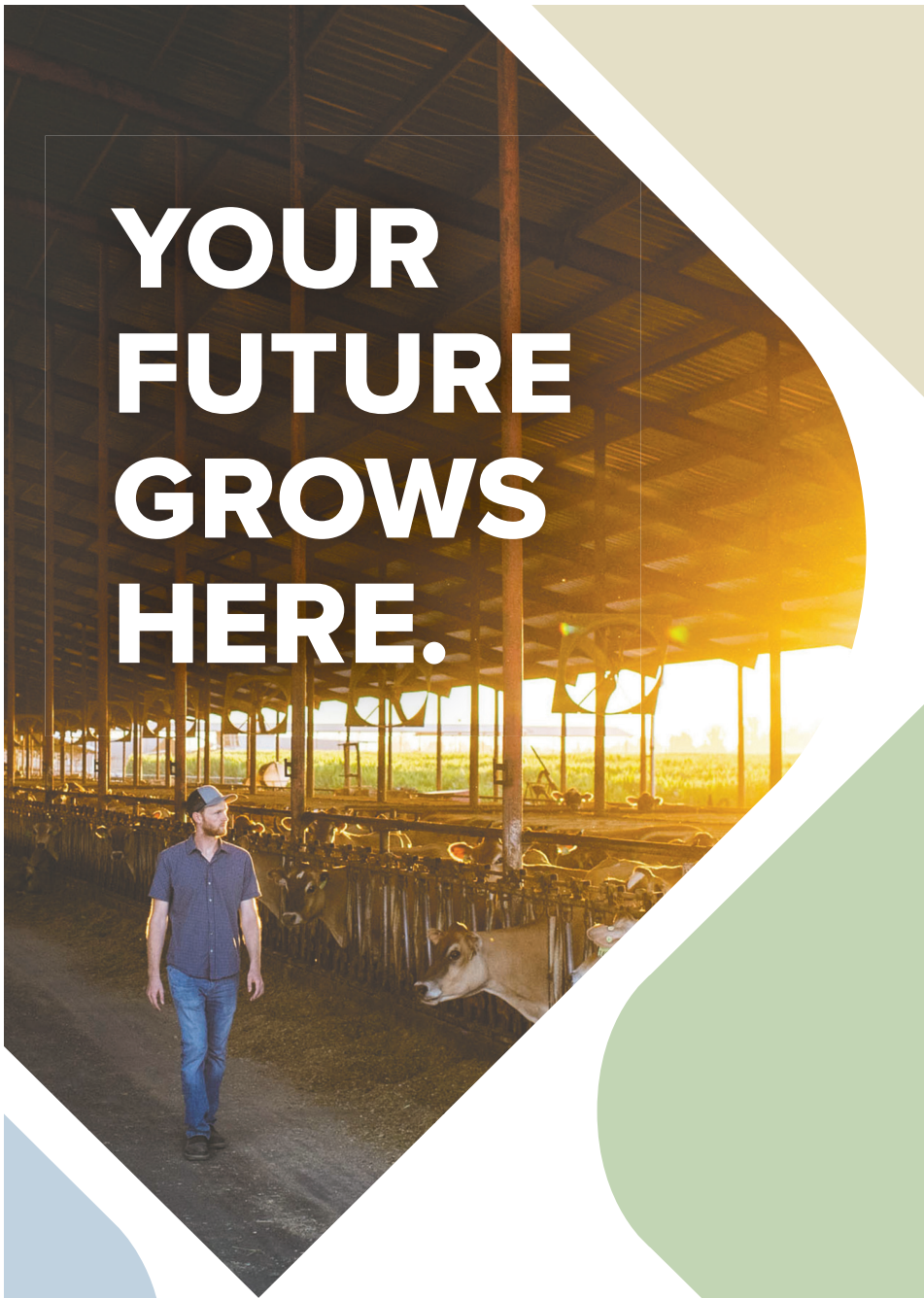
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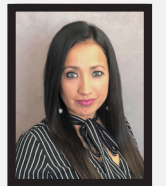
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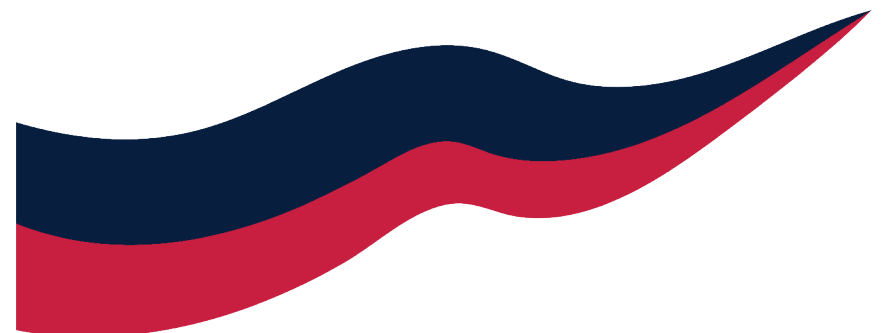
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