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## Farm Bureau Endorses Dahle for Governor

The California Farm Bureau, representing agricultural producers in nearly every county in California, has endorsed Senator Brian Dahle in his race to become the next Governor of California, applauding his commitment to protecting and supporting California's largest industry.

"Thanks to its amazing natural features, California from the earliest days of statehood has been an agricultural wonderland, and we're still the top farm state in the nation," Dahle said. "Unfortunately, the state has stopped supporting its farms. Our crops compete on a global market, but only-in-California laws drive up labor and fuel costs, restrict the use of critical farm inputs, and limit water availability.

"As governor, I will support the people who feed the world with healthy, California-grown crops, from the avocados of San Diego County to the organic alfalfa of Modoc County."

The California Farm Bureau applauds Senator Dahle's work as a true citizen-legislator who continues to operate his family's farm and seed business in Lassen County while serving in the state Legislature and his strong support of meeting the state's commitments to build new water storage and otherwise improve vital water supplies.

"As a State Senator who returns to his farm every week, Brian Dahle understands the consequences legislation and regulations are having on family farms", said Farm Bureau President Jamie Johansson. "As a third-generation Californian, Dahle knows how our disturbing new normal of scarcity—including a lack of water, and shortages of electricity, fuel, food and housing—has brought many California families and businesses to the breaking point. California Farm Bureau supports Brian's urgent fight to restore our state and provide opportunities for all Californians."

Senator Brian Dahle represents 1 million constituents in northeastern California in the state Legislature, where he has served since winning the election in 2012.

## LEGISLATIVE SPOTLIGHT

### FARM BUREAU PRESIDENT RESPONDS TO SIGNING OF AB 2183

California Farm Bureau President Jamie Johansson responded to Gov. Gavin Newsom's signing of Assembly Bill 2183.

"The California Farm Bureau is deeply disappointed in Gov. Newsom's decision to sign the misguided union organizing legislation, Assembly Bill 2183. Farm Bureau stands with California's agricultural employees and will continue to defend their right to make uncoerced choices about union representation. However, the governor's unfortunate decision to sign this bill will create a mail-in balloting system that threatens the integrity of secret ballot elections and leaves farm employees vulnerable to intimidation by union organizers with an obvious interest in the outcome. It also forces California's farmers and ranchers to choose to give up free speech and private property rights in a dubious trade to allow their employees a real voice in a union election."

Go to <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov> to view these bills.

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## PROPOSITION 30

### OPPOSED BY CALIFORNIA FARM BUREAU

The measure raises taxes 1.75% on personal income above \$2 million to pay for zero-emission vehicle purchase incentives and charging stations, and wildfire mitigation.

### GOVERNOR



**BRIAN DAHLE (R)**  
ENDORSED BY CALIFORNIA FARM BUREAU

Dahle was elected to the California State Senate in 2020 after serving eight years in the state Assembly and another 16 years as a member of the Lassen County Board of Supervisors. He is a farmer and small business owner.

### TREASURER



**FIONA MA (D)**  
ENDORSED BY CALIFORNIA FARM BUREAU

Ma was elected State Treasurer in 2018 after serving four years on the California Board of Equalization and six years in the state Assembly. She was a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors from 2002 to 2006.

For non-endorsed races, California Farm Bureau asked why should Farm Bureau members vote for you? Their responses are printed below.

### LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



**ANGELA UNDERWOOD JACOBS (R)**

Food and water is crucial to life as farmers are vital to agriculture. California supplies produce, meat and dairy to U.S. homes and abroad. As Lieutenant Governor, I will sit on economic, land and ocean commissions allowing me to champion farmers' interests related to water, labor, weather and supply/demand issues.



**ELENI KOUNALAKIS (D)**

As your Lieutenant Governor, I've fought to ensure that all Californians have access to public colleges and career training, led the fight against climate change, and been an advocate for farmers and citrus growers throughout the state. I'm proud of the work we've accomplished and I'm running for re-election to continue this important work.

### SECRETARY OF STATE



**ROB BERNOSKY (R)**

Members should vote for me because I am the one person pushing the Farm Bureau to become more active in unelecting officials who actually are killing family farms and business in general, and actively getting behind pro-agriculture and business candidates. As a CFO living in the agricultural environment and having school board, water board and other positions, I am fully aware of the attacks we are under and feel it is time to take back lost ground.



**DR. SHIRLEY WEBER (D)**

Growing up, my family were sharecroppers on a farm in Arkansas. As a legislator, I voted for many CFB priorities, including the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. As Secretary of State, I suspended fees for starting businesses and streamlined the portal where businesses file paperwork, to ease small farms/ranches interactions with government.

### CONTROLLER



**LANHEE CHEN (R)**

I'm running for Controller to fight for taxpayers. California's farmers and ranchers deserve accountability for their tax dollars, and I have a specific plan to deliver transparency for every dollar our state spends. I'm not a career politician, but have started a business, advised policymakers and taught at Stanford University.



**MALIA COHEN (D)**

I currently serve on the Board of Equalization where I represent agricultural counties throughout Northern California and the Central Coast. During my time as chair, the board has advanced policies aimed at benefiting farmers. As Controller, I want to build a California where everyone thrives, including those in rural areas.

### ATTORNEY GENERAL



**NATHAN HOCHMAN (R)**

Rising crime is out of control in California. Particularly in our rural communities, we are seeing the devastating effects of years of mismanagement in our criminal justice system. I am running for Attorney General to bring my decades of experience putting criminals behind bars and stop the spiral of lawlessness.



**ROB BONTA (D)**

Attorney General Rob Bonta is taking on crime, protecting public safety and defending our rights. He is supported by several law enforcement and crime victims groups because they have seen firsthand how he works to keep us safe. He is the only candidate who will defend a woman's right to choose.

### INSURANCE COMMISSIONER



**ROBERT HOWELL (R)**

Family farmers and Farm Bureau members need to vote for Robert Howell for insurance commissioner to get equitable treatment and lower their insurance rates. My family has history of farming corn and hog production. I understand that millions of Californians are struggling with inflation and rising food costs. More info at [electroberthowell.com](http://electroberthowell.com).



**RICARDO LARA (D)**

As Insurance Commissioner, I'm working to expand agricultural and commercial insurance. I supported and am implementing Senate Bill 11 to expand the FAIR Plan for agricultural and farm risks. I ordered the FAIR Plan to increase its commercial coverage limits, which have not been raised in 24 years. I am taking steps to secure a competitive insurance market for family farmers, vintners, ranchers and other rural businesses.

### SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION



**TONY THURMOND (NON-PARTISAN)**

I have championed programs to support California farmers and feed hungry kids by enabling state funds to be used in farmers markets, prioritizing produce from California farmers. I have also led strong career training programs like Future Farmers of America to help students prepare for careers in farming and agriculture.



**LANCE RAY CHRISTENSEN (NON-PARTISAN)**

California's education system is broken, and our state's survival depends on its success. Sacramento prioritizes entrenched special interests ahead of our parents and students and are not equipped to join the workforce or promote agricultural improvement. As Superintendent, I will add parents back into the education equation.

### U.S. SENATE



**MARK MEUSER (R)**

Meuser supports the farming community. America cannot afford to rely on foreign nations to feed Americans. We must ensure that California farmers have water. Thus, we must build desalination plants and pass federal legislation that reduces the ability of environmentalists from stopping these projects in the courts with endless lawsuits.



**ALEX PADILLA (D)**

I'm fighting in the Senate to secure a better future for California—from ensuring that the California Dream remains in reach for future generations to guaranteeing that Californians have access to clean air and water, a quality education, affordable healthcare and an economy that works for all.



# HLB UPDATES

Confirmed positive HLB trees continue to be found weekly in the Corona area. As of 9/23/22, there have been a total of ninety-nine confirmed positive HLB trees in Riverside (66 were found in Corona). In California, there have been a total of 3,807 confirmed positive HLB trees. There has been no recent expansion of the HLB quarantine. HLB quarantine maps can be found in the Citrus Insider website <https://citrusinsider.org>. When moving citrus from, to, or within an HLB quarantine, please review the HLB and ACP regulatory protocols that include the Spray and Move mitigation materials and the form, and contact the Riverside County Agricultural Commissioner's office to submit required mitigation forms. If you need a pest control or tree removal referral, please contact me, Sandra Zwaal [szwaal2@gmail.com](mailto:szwaal2@gmail.com).



# ACP UPDATES

With the increase in confirmed positive HLB finds, it is more important than ever to keep ACP populations low and reduce the risk of HLB. The chart below is the 2022 ACP area-wide treatment schedule for Riverside County groves that are NOT in a pest control district (PCD). If you have groves in the Coachella and Hemet PCD, your PCD Manager will provide you with your treatment schedule specific to your region. Keeping ACP populations low in generally infested areas such as Riverside County reduces the risk of citrus trees from acquiring the bacteria that causes the deadly HLB disease. With an increase in ACP trap finds this season, growers should continue to remain diligent by monitoring your citrus for ACP and applying ACP area-wide treatments during the treatment windows to keep ACP populations low. Please remember to file your pesticide use report (PURs) after completing treatments and continue monitoring your citrus for ACP. The University of California (UC) provides excellent resources on how to monitor ACP. ([https://ucanr.edu/sites/ACP/Grower\\_Options/Grower\\_Management/Monitoring\\_15/](https://ucanr.edu/sites/ACP/Grower_Options/Grower_Management/Monitoring_15/))

The annual AWM treatment protocol consists of three applications: two coordinated AWM treatments applied during summer/fall and winter and one uncoordinated treatment between winter and fall when applying other applications. For organic groves, each treatment must consist of two applications applied 10-14 days apart. The two applications are required due to the limited residual efficacy of organic materials. ACP-effective materials for Area-Wide treatments and management practices for both conventional and organic applications can be found at [https://ucanr.edu/sites/ACP/Grower\\_Options/Grower\\_Management/ACP\\_Effective\\_Insecticides/](https://ucanr.edu/sites/ACP/Grower_Options/Grower_Management/ACP_Effective_Insecticides/).

2022 ACP Area-Wide Treatment Schedule For Riverside County (Non-Pest Control District Areas)*	
Spring Treatment	Apr 15 – Jul 30
Summer Treatment	Jul 1 - Aug 31
Fall Treatment	Oct 1 – Nov 15
Winter Treatment	Nov 16 - Dec 31

\* If your citrus is in a PCD, your PCD Manager will provide the ACP treatment schedule.

# No Spotted Lanternfly Infestations Found in California During Fall 2022 Survey

While no infestations of the invasive spotted lanternfly have been found in the state during the California Department of Food and Agriculture's recent annual survey of over 500 sites, the pest has been found during several routine agricultural inspections of incoming shipments from out of state. These finds emphasize the importance of the state's proactive approach to keeping the pest out of California and preparing for its possible arrival.

State and county surveyors have searched over 1,000 sites across the state since 2020. During this year's survey, a total of 513 target sites across 50 counties were searched in the months of August and September. Fairgrounds and highway rest areas were new survey sites this year.

The public can play a critical role in keeping an eye out for the distinctive-looking insect. Visit <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/pdcp/board/spottedlanternfly.html> to learn more about the pest and to see pictures of what it looks like in its various life stages.

**PEST ALERT**

**Keep Spotted Lanternfly Out of California**

**LIFE STAGES OF THE SPOTTED LANTERNFLY (*Lycorma delicatula*)**

- Egg Mass** September - June
- Early Nymph** April - July
- Late Nymph** July - September
- Adult** July - December

**PROTECT CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURE**

Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) is a threat to many important commercial crops and affects our enjoyment of the outdoors. The pest feeds on a wide range of plants and trees, with damage seen in vineyards, nurseries, and urban and rural environments.

Spotted Lanternfly is an invasive planthopper spreading in the U.S. since it was first discovered in Pennsylvania in 2014. The pest feeds on over 100 different plant species, causing tree of heaven and grape where it causes serious damage such as nodding, wilting, leaf curling, dieback, and plant death. It also excretes lots of honeydew when it feeds, encouraging the growth of black sooty mold.

**WHAT YOU CAN DO**

Spotted Lanternfly is very distinct looking both as a nymph and an adult, but the egg masses can be hard to spot making it easy to transport them on vehicles and other outdoor items.

- Inspect trees and plants for signs of the pest, especially trees of heaven.
- Look for egg masses on outdoor items including vehicles, trailers, stoves, and other smooth surfaces.
- Report suspected finds.

**SPOT THE SPOTTED LANTERNFLY?**  
 CDFA Pest Hotline: 1-800-491-1899  
 Report online: [reportpest.cdfa.ca.gov](https://reportpest.cdfa.ca.gov)  
 Learn more: [www.cdfa.ca.gov/pdcp/board/spottedlanternfly.html](https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/pdcp/board/spottedlanternfly.html)

**Snag It. Snap It. Report It.**

Circle Swathmore, Peter Stone University, Richard Gardner, Lawrence Sorenson, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture

# Mukherjee named UCCE Urban and Small Farms Advisor

Amrita Mukherjee joined UC ANR as an urban agriculture and small farms advisor serving Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside and Orange counties.

Mukherjee's priority is to understand small farms' practices and needs, and to identify opportunities for improvement and/or collaboration. One challenge that Mukherjee is eager to overcome is getting information to farmers in a timely and organized manner.

"There's so much information out there and it's hard to know who is doing what," she said. By implementing a communication system, Mukherjee believes that supporting small farms will become more efficient.

Originally from Bangladesh, Mukherjee grew up in a family of farmers and understands the struggles farmers encounter as laborers and as a business. Her upbringing inspired her to not only pursue a career in agriculture, but to alleviate the hardships that often burden farmers.

Previously, Mukherjee worked for the International Rice Research Institute where she examined flash flood risk-management in her homeland. She also worked for the Horticulture Innovation Lab management team at UC Davis as an assistant specialist in Bangladesh, focused on nutrition impacts of horticultural innovations.

Mukherjee earned a bachelor's degree in agriculture from Khulna University, a master's degree in biotechnology from Bangladesh Agricultural University, and a master's degree in horticulture, plant biology and post-harvest physiology from Kansas State University.

While she has dedicated the first few months of her role to networking, Mukherjee feels that building rapport with small-scale farmers is an ongoing process that is crucial to her role as an advisor.

When asked what she is most excited about, Mukherjee said that she wants to help farmers grow – not just their crops, but their business strategy and network. "I don't want to be a supervisor, I want to be a connector," explained Mukherjee.

Mukherjee is based at the UC Cooperative Extension office in Highland in San Bernardino County and can be reached at [amukherjee@ucanr.edu](mailto:amukherjee@ucanr.edu).



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# SoCal Fair, Perris 2022 Jr. Livestock Auction

On Saturday, October 8th, President Richard Schmid participated as an auction buyer at the Junior Livestock Auction on behalf of Riverside County Farm Bureau and members that donated to our Auction Support Fund.

With five winning bids, the animals purchased were two lambs and three goats at \$1,900.00 on the "Buy Back" program, in addition, \$600 went towards student add-ons, spending in total \$2,500.00 towards the students' projects.

Each year the Riverside County Farm Bureau participates as an auction buyer to support the auction prices during the Junior Livestock Auction at both the Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival in Indio and the Southern California Fair in Perris. At these fairs, students of 4-H, FFA, Grange, and Independent Exhibitors raise animals as educational projects. They keep records and learn about the costs and challenges of producing food, as well as time management. During fair time, they will show and sell their market animals to the highest bidder at the Junior Livestock Auctions allowing these students to use their profits to start their next animal projects and save for college. The Riverside County Farm Bureau believes that successful auctions will encourage students to continue their interest in agriculture and as well as having a future aspiration of pursuing a career in the agricultural industry.

As with every year, the Riverside County Farm Bureau receives donations to our Auction Support Fund from our members to help with purchasing the market animals at these auctions, but without the donations, the Riverside County Farm Bureau would have only a small amount of funds to contribute.

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## Report of the Nominating Committee

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Riverside County Farm Bureau, election of Officers and Directors will be held by the Agricultural (Voting) members at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 5, 2022 at The Cafe at Shields in Indio.

The Nominating Committee recommends the following Board of Directors for the 2022 - 2023 membership year.

### President

Richard A. Schmid, Jr.

### Vice President

Andy Wilson

### Vice President

Paul Cramer

### Vice President

Ellen Way

### Directors

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



🍂 November 5, 2022 ~ 5:00 - 8:00 PM, Riverside County Farm Bureau's 105th Annual Dinner at The Cafe at Shields in Indio. For reservations, please call our office at (951) 684-6732.

## Food and Farm News

Courtesy of CFBF

### *Pumpkin patches welcome back school tours, look to boost crowds*

During COVID-19 pandemic lockdowns, families flocked to pumpkin patches and other agritourism venues for outdoor activities. Now growers and operators of pumpkin patches are trying to keep the crowds coming. They're getting help from the return of school groups. While overall attendance stayed strong during the pandemic, school tours largely vanished. Now school bookings are back up to 80% to 90% of pre-pandemic levels, some farmers report.

### *Climate advisor: California agriculture faces 'existential threat'*

Gov. Gavin Newsom's climate advisor says climate change represents an "existential threat" to agriculture in California. Kayla Ungar, special advisor for climate, water and drought for the California Department of Food and Agriculture, spoke at a recent informational hearing. She said eight of 20 major crops grown in California could be most affected by increasingly hot and dry conditions. The crops she cited were almonds, wine grapes, table grapes, strawberries, hay, walnuts, freestone peaches and cherries.

### *State officials approve hike in water program fees*

The State Water Resources Control Board is raising fees for water-quality and water-rights programs. The state's Waste Discharge Permit Fund fee is going up 0.84% and fees for the Water Rights Fund are going up 7.2%. The increases are intended to meet budget shortfalls for programs that require participation by farmers and ranchers. With farmers already facing soaring costs for fertilizer and fuel, California Farm Bureau is advocating using state general fund dollars to offset the fee increases.

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