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Vote NO on Prop 15

HIGHER PROPERTY TAX MEASURE HITS CALIFORNIA FAMILY FARMS:

DECEPTIVE MEASURE FAILS TO EXEMPT AGRICULTURE: WILL INCREASE FOOD PRICES FOR CONSUMERS

Sacramento special interests have qualified an initiative for the November 2020 California ballot that would eliminate important, long-standing property tax protections for commercial and agricultural property that voters approved via Prop 13 many decades ago. **The measure would hike taxes by \$12.5 billion / year** – costs that will be borne by small business, farmers and consumers throughout the state.

- **DECEPTIVE PROPERTY TAX MEASURE WOULD HIKE TAXES ON AGRICULTURE**

- **PROPERTY TAX MEASURE TAXES EVERY STEP FROM FARM TO FORK**
- **HIGHER PROPERTY TAXES ON AGRICULTURE WILL INCREASE FOOD PRICES FOR CALIFORNIA CONSUMERS**

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[**HCFB President, Johanna Rodoni address:**](#)

Farm Bureau members and friends:

These are unprecedented times to put it mildly. Many of our neighbors, family and friends have been severely impacted by the fires and the fires are still a long way from being under control. At this point, the August Complex is only 30% contained and that is on the east side of the fire towards the Central valley. The remaining edges of the fire, which will have the most direct affect in our area, are still very active. I've spent much of the last week assisting with both human and livestock evacuees at the Humboldt County Fairgrounds as we have been designated as a Regional Evacuation Shelter.

The outpouring of support from the community never ceases to amaze me. There are so many kind and generous individuals and

organizations in our area. Pay-It-Forward Humboldt (a local non-profit organization) whose mission is “to provide help, healing and hope in a time of crisis,” has been present from the get-go at the fairgrounds to collect and distribute much needed items for families and individuals displaced and/or affected by the fires. Their CEO Desirae Hadley is a one woman dynamo who spends countless hours on the front lines....I haven't figured out when she actually has time to sleep! She has a strong network of volunteers who help her organize and deliver donations to outlying areas. The Salvation Army has been on-site and providing two hot meals each day for the evacuees and Red Cross is coordinating other needed services. Humboldt Animal Control is also there to intake and board livestock and small animals displaced by the fires.

Farm Bureau, locally and statewide, continues to focus on our mission to improve the well-being and quality of life for California farmers and ranchers. However, due to the present conditions, there have been few opportunities to network face to face – I sincerely miss that. On the State level, Farm Bureau is focused on the **No on Proposition 15** campaign. As are many propositions presented, Proposition 15 advocates are deceptive to what the jest of the proposition really means. Please educate yourself and especially your friends and business contacts as to the ramifications if Prop. 15 were to pass. (See article regarding Prop. 15 in this issue).

Until next time – yours truly,
Johanna Rodoni

Fall Time is Harvest Time...

For one of the newer crops in Humboldt County, it was harvest time for Quinoa (pronounced KEEN-wah) in the Eel River valley. There were approximately 800 acres of the crop planted and harvested in the county this year. Quinoa is an edible seed that has become increasingly popular among health-conscious people and is loaded with many important nutrients. Quinoa requires a specific temperature and moisture content to be successful and there are areas of Humboldt that have proven to be able to produce the crop. After careful testing of the moisture content, it was deemed "ready to harvest" and the combines were busy.





Recipe of the Month: Zucchini Enchiladas

You Can Turn Zucchini into Zucchini Enchiladas with this Low-Carb Trick!
Yields: 4 servings

Ingredients:

1 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
1 large onion, chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 tsp. ground cumin
2 tsp. chili powder
Kosher salt
3 c. shredded rotisserie chicken
1 1/3 c. red enchilada sauce, divided
4 large zucchini, halved lengthwise
1 c. shredded Monterey jack
1 c. shredded cheddar
Sour cream, for drizzling
Fresh cilantro, for garnish

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°. In a large skillet over medium heat, heat oil.



Add onion and cook, stirring, until soft, 5 minutes. Add garlic, cumin, and chili powder and season with salt. Cook until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add chicken and 1 cup of enchilada sauce and stir until coated.

2. On a cutting board, use a Y-shaped vegetable peeler to peel thin slices of zucchini. Lay out 3 slices, slightly overlapping, and top with a spoonful of chicken mixture. Roll up and transfer to a baking dish. Repeat with remaining zucchini and chicken mixture.
3. Spoon remaining cup enchilada sauce over zucchini enchiladas and top with both cheeses.
4. Bake until cheese is melty and enchiladas are warmed through, 20 minutes.
5. Top with sour cream and cilantro before serving.



2020
VISIONS

TAKE YOUR BEST SHOT

Capture your vision of California's agricultural bounty with photos such as:

- Fresh food—plated or in the field
- Rural scenery
- Animals, crops and harvests
- Life, work and family on the farm or ranch

\$2,500
in prizes!

PRIZES

All ages

\$1,000 Grand Prize
\$500 First Place
\$250 Second Place

Budding Artists
(ages 13 and younger)

\$250 First Place
\$100 Second Place

Any amateur photographer who is a member of a county Farm Bureau in California or a current contributing member of the California Bountiful Foundation can participate. Join Farm Bureau at www.cfbf.com/join.

\$100 Third Place
\$50 Honorable Mention
(six winners)

To enter: Submit up to five print or high-resolution digital photos. Enter online or postmark by Sept. 30. Go to www.cfbf.com/photocontest to find rules and forms, enter or see past winners. Or email photocontest@cfbf.com for rules and entry forms.

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