

# Farm Bureau Newsletter

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## ***A Message from our President***

**Greg Dale, Coast Seafood  
Humboldt Bay**

A few mornings ago we sat in the dark waiting for the tide to ebb and the sun to rise. We sat watching the Dungeness crab larvae in the water. They were so thick that under our headlamps the water and tide flats were bright orange. It's been a few years since we've seen them in numbers like this but I stood there and thought about what this means. To us tideland farmers along with, daylight tides, salmon season and the start of good oyster growth it has a larger meaning, spring is here. As with all you landlubbers, I realized that there isn't enough time in the day to get done what needs to be done before night tides start again in the fall.

As your Humboldt County Farm Bureau, HCFB President, I was not just thinking of farm work but the ever increasing load placed on agriculture from government and markets. I am always amazed at the number and range of issues that face agriculture in Humboldt County and astonished at how much time and money it takes to move through the bureaucratic maze of government regulations and just operations of our businesses. Not only do we have to deal with Mother Nature and our everyday tasks to produce a product but we also must deal with a myriad of often burdensome issues that eat up so much time. I've always been grateful for those at the Humboldt County Farm Bureau who have taken a lead role in helping us all with many of these issues, both locally and on a statewide and national level.

What is truly incredible is that HCFB has been doing this for 100 years, and doing it extremely well. That's right, HCFB is turning 100 this year and we have so much to celebrate! The HCFB has a major influence on land use issues due our involvement with the Resource Lands Working Group and their efforts on the General Plan update. We have been very successful in incorporating our language in the new draft plan and will continue to work on this—now 12 year project and will continue until it is completed by the Board of Supervisors.

HCFB has been active in the Ferndale Salt River project, working to insure that the project results in actual on the ground improvements for the working lands in the valley. We also are involved in the issue of conversion of Ag lands as a result of "conservation" purchases that redirect the land use in a manner not beneficial to our adjoining Ag production lands.

The FB Land Use Committee continues to be the most active committee given the many activities that affect the ongoing use and production of our agricultural landscape.



We see this effort as primary to our goals of protecting the working landscape that we all need and enjoy.

The HCFB has worked hard to minimize government costs and oversight of our activities. The new Hazardous Material Program proposed by the Humboldt County Health Department is a good example of your Farm Bureau working to make sure that the regulatory agencies proposals are functional and delivered at a price that reflects the true cost of service delivery. We have been working on this issue since 2005 and have finally reached an agreement with the County which will result in a 70% reduction in fees charged to Ag producers compared to the original County proposal. We have our Humboldt County Board of Supervisors to thank on this success story. You also need to know that the HCFB has been blessed with the ability to provide a tremendous amount of support for the education of youth in our county. This year we gave out 66 scholarships totaling over \$86,000 for local students who will be attending College.

These success stories rely on one thing that you can help us with- MEMBERSHIP. We need your help to bring the Farm Bureau's positive message to those in the Ag community that are not current members. Talk to Katherine in the office or any of the Board Members and help us in our effort to keep the organization strong.

Finally we are extremely proud of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration coming up on July 27<sup>th</sup>. We are finalizing the details of the celebration and dinner at the Samoa Cookhouse. We will have activities and a tour of the Timber Heritage Association's Round House as well as festivities like speeder rides and melon chucking. Later in the fall we are planning a trip to Fort Seward in memory of the First annual Farm Bureau Dinner that took place in 1913 and attracted over 650 attendees. Final details will be out soon.

The crab larvae are all on the ground now, we are working during the day, much to my family's joy and our oysters are coming in fat. Summer looks like it will be a productive one and I feel blessed to be able to be a part of this organization and I'm proud of our work. So remember to express your thanks to the Board of Directors and support the Humboldt County Farm Bureau. Please join us as we begin our Second Century of work for the Farmers and Ranchers of the North Coast and have a great summer.

Sincerely, *Greg Dale* President HCFB

## **Farm Bureau's Recent Accomplishments**

- \* Provided over \$86,000 to College Students for Scholarships
- \* Testified at numerous Humboldt County General Plan Hearings
- \* Worked to achieve a 70% Reduction in Hazardous Materials Fee
- \* College of the Redwood Ag Department Support
- \* Working on Regional Agricultural Marketing Projects
- \* Input along with the Resource Lands Working Group on all aspects of the Humboldt Co. General Plan Update
- \* Support for Six Rivers Dairy Association
- \* Humboldt County Fair Art Sponsor
- \* Redwood Acres Fair Bldg. Coordinator
- \* Provided Input to Water Board meetings
- \* Elk River Watershed Coordination

### **Local Barn Photo Contest**

As part of our 100th Anniversary Celebration, the Farm Bureau Board of Directors are planning to feature some of the wonderful old barns in a Photo Contest at the Samoa Cookhouse on July 27th.



If you have an existing photo of an old barn—or if you have the opportunity to take a recent shot, please enter it into the Farm Bureau Barn Photo Contest. You can call the Farm Bureau at 443-4844 for information and an application. Happy Barn Hunting!

### **BBQ at Fort Seward**

The Humboldt County Farm Bureau is planning a reenactment of the first Annual Meeting in Fort Seward. Unfortunately, we are unable to ride the train to the event—however we are planning to car pool from the Farm Bureau Office in Eureka to Fort Seward on Sunday, September 8th. The Satterlee family of the Fort Seward Ranch Family has graciously invited the Farm Bureau to come tour the site of the first meeting. Unfortunately the old Hotel burned down many years ago—but we will have a tour of the historical items that still exist. If you are interested in attending, please call Katherine at 443-4844 for reservations. Space will be limited so please call early.



### **100th Birthday Celebration July 27, 2013 Samoa, CA**

As many of you already know, the Humboldt County Farm Bureau is celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year. Established in 1913, the Humboldt County Farm Bureau is the oldest County Farm Bureau in the State of California. Actually, we are the second oldest Farm Bureau in the Nation! Somewhere in New York State there is a Farm Bureau a bit older than ours.

We share our special 100th Anniversary with the U C Cooperative Extension and the local 4-H Organization. This all began in 1913, when the University of California offered the local Ag community a trained specialists to help with scientific development of the Agriculture needs in Humboldt County. At least one-fifth of the farmers in the county had to join the Farm Bureau before the “Farm Advisor” would be assigned to our area. The Farm Bureau office was set up at 321 G Street in Eureka and there was cooperation between the Eureka Development Association, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors and the University of California to provide the office space and support for the new Farm Advisor.

The 100th Celebration will be held at Samoa, CA and is in conjunction with the Annual Timber Heritage Association Historical Open House. This event will include activities all day such as Speeder Rides, Homemade Pie Contest, Catapult Melon Throwing Contest, and an Ice Cream Social sponsored by the California Milk Advisory Board. The day will conclude with a “Lumber Camp Style Dinner” at the Samoa Cookhouse with ingredients being provided to the Cookhouse Chef by our local Agricultural Producers.



The HCFB Board of Directors are working hard to make this a memorable event and they are requesting farm families to bring a display about your families historical connection to the local agricultural community including photos and antique farm equipment to display for the general public to view. For more information on the family displays, please contact Chairman Gene Senestraro at 442-6396 for a space at the event.

Guest Speakers at the evening dinner at the Samoa Cookhouse will be American Farm Bureau President, Bob Stallman, from Columbus Texas and California Farm Bureau President, Paul Wenger, as well as local historians and Farm Bureau members.

This is an opportunity of a life-time to experience a milestone in our Farm Bureau history. We are extremely proud of the 100th Anniversary celebration and your presence will be the crowing glory. We look forward to seeing you at the Birthday Party on Saturday, July 27th!

## **FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER:**

<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>
3 FB Scholarship Social	20-21 Fortuna Rodeo	1 FB Board Meeting	2 Labor Day
6 FB Board Meeting	27-28 Auto Expo	13-25 Humboldt Co. Fair	5 FB Board Meeting
15 Oysterfest-Arcata	<b>27 FB 100 ANNIVERSARY</b>		8 BBQ Fort Seward
20-23 Redwood Acres Fair			

### **2013 Farm Bureau Scholarship Winners**

In May 2013, the Farm Bureau Scholarship Committee reviewed over 85 Scholarship Applications and they are pleased to award **\$85,600** in funds to deserving graduates from Humboldt County High Schools for their college costs.



### **2013 HCFB Henri & Lanette Rousseau Scholarships Winners**

Sixty-five local students received scholarships from the Henri and Lanette Rousseau Scholarship Fund. This Memorial Scholarship was established in 1996 by the late Lanette Rousseau to provide educational opportunities for students of agriculture and science related fields. These scholarships are for undergraduate study at an approved two year college, four year college or vocational school and can be reapplied to for a total of four years. This year, the Rousseau Scholarship awarded over \$45,000 ranging in amounts from \$400 to \$850 per student.

Kerilyn Ambrosini	Sienna Anderson	Morgan Bass
Shelby Beck	Callie Brodt	Chase Brodt
Brytann Busick	Katrina Cahill	Samantha Carter
Kaleb Cahoon	Kaitlyn Chorbi	Brooke Chrisler
Jacob Coppini	Monique Cox-Lovel	Cameron Dale
Mackenzie Dorn	Francis Enos	Garrett Forbs
Kayla Ghidinelli	Jacob Gibbons	James Griggs
Franklin Griggs	Danielle Hansen	Julia Hansen
Rebecca Harnden	Kristina Hindley	Sara Hylton
Peyton Imperial	Jace Jackson	Emily Janowski
Heather Lovelace	Hannah Lovfald	Bryce Lowry
Walkyhr Macy	Morgan McWhorter	Kayleigh Meyers
Jacob Mitchell	Kristian Mohorovich	JJ Mullen
Jennie Mullen	Ross Nickols	Kelly O'Day
Kelly Pedrotti	Taylor Pratt	Tyler Regli
Kaitlyn Regli	Brooke Renner	Mackenzi Rice
Colton Ross	Maxwell Schmidt	Kaitlyn Sigler
Merritt Schoenhofer	Shelby Schoenhofer	Emily Scilacci
Kaitlyn Sigler	Kelsey Spaulding	Kayla Thurlough
Tamara Valley	Hannah VanDuzer	Dustin Wallis
Garrett Wallis	David White	Katelyn Wilcox
Dalton Williams	Paxton Woodward	

### **2013 Paddock Scholarship**

The HCFB Sterling F. Paddock Memorial Scholarship was established in 2009. Mr. Paddock lived in Kneeland, and spent most of his life as a cowboy/caretaker on local ranches. Mr. Paddock left his Estate to the Farm Bureau Scholarship Program and interest from the Scholarship Fund generated \$35,000 to be used for Scholarships in 2013.

#### **2013 Sterling F. Paddock Scholarships**

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Cameron Dale	Kayla Ghidinelli
Danielle Hansen	Rebecca Harnden
Peyton Imperial	Emily Janowski
Joel Linblom	Hannah Lovfald
Bryce Lowry	Morgan McWhorter
Kayleigh Meyers	Kelsey Meyers
Jennie Mullen	JJ Mullen
Kelly O'Day	Kelly Pedrotti
Kaitlyn Regli	Tyler Regli
Brooke Renner	Mackenzie Rice
Emily Scilacci	Kayla Thurlough
Hannah VanDuzer	Dustin Wallis
Garrett Wallis	Katelyn Wilcox
Paxton Woodward	

#### **2013 Production Forestry**

Two Scholarships were awarded to students who will be pursuing a career in Forest Management or Natural Resources that provides support to the Timber Industry. The Students receiving a \$1,000 Production Forestry Award each are:

JJ Mullen & Dustin Wallis

#### **2013 Humboldt County Wool Growers Scholarship**

Jennie Mullen



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## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Farm Bureau has teamed up with businesses all throughout the state to get members exclusive benefits including:

- **Insurance Programs:** Members can get discounts from Allied Auto Insurance, Nationwide Auto Insurance, and Health Net Plans.
- **Travel Discounts:** Save money on rental cars, hotels, and even theme parks.
- **State Compensation Insurance Fund:** Discounts on Worker's Comp Farm Bureau group insurance.
- **Health Services:** Clear-Value Hearing's Professional Hearing Network—save up to 50% off the manufacture's suggested retail price, Lens Crafters eyewear, Prescription Discount Program and the Preferred Alliance specializes in drug and alcohol testing compliance programs for employers and independent operators.
- **Discounts** are available from Kelly-Moore and Dunn Edwards Paint, and Grainger products.
- **Vehicle Discount:** Get a \$500 rebate on Chevrolet, Buick and GMC Vehicles.
- **Rental Car Discounts:** Save up to 20%
- **Business Services:** Farm Employers Labor Service: Farm Bureau members receive \$100 off enrollment with FELS.
- **Travel Discounts:** For valuable travel savings, call Farm Bureau at 1-800-698-3276 for your discount code. Discounts are offered on Rental Cars, Farm Bureau Member Hotel Discounts and Theme Park Discounts. Locations include Sea World, Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, San Diego Zoo, Santa Cruz Boardwalk and other fun California Destinations. Call Humboldt County Farm Bureau at 707-443-4844 for details.

## THANK YOUR SUPERVISOR

Recently, the Humboldt Board of Supervisors voted to SUPPORT our local Agricultural Community with a 70% reduction in fees for the Hazardous Material Program. This action was a unanimous vote with each Supervisor expressed gratitude for the positive contributions made by the Ag Community. When you see your Supervisor—Say THANKS!!

### Farm Bureau Officers

Greg Dale .....	President
Andy Albin.....	1st Vice President
Ryan Rice.....	2nd Vice President
Larry Ford.....	Treasurer
John Vevoda.....	State Director
Katherine Ziemer .....	Executive Director

### 2013 Farm Bureau Directors

Noah Corp	Row Crops/Education	Shively
Bill Fales	Row Crops	Ferndale
Jane Fraser	Beef Cattle	Arcata
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Bill Kleiner	Forestry Consultant	Arcata
Holly Krieb	Row Crops	Pepperwood
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Dona Moxon	Marketing Advisor	Arcata
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