



Merced County Farm Bureau Newsletter

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Happy 100th Birthday UC Cooperative Extension

Today, the state of California will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Smith-Lever Act which established funding for research and education to increase the productivity of farming. By creating the UCCE in 1914, they were able to collaboratively work with local farmers to create your local farm bureau. Since then the UCCE and it's farm advisors have proven themselves an integral part of agriculture productivity; youth development (4-H); nutrition; and urban horticulture (Master Gardeners).



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Report A Crime



[Report an Ag Crime](#)

Do you know what discounts Farm Bureau members

Dave Doll, Farm Advisor and one of the author's on the [Almond Doctor site](#) did a great job of highlighting some of the achievements by the UCCE in the last 100 years.

For more information about the activities planned to celebrate this huge milestone, head over to the [UCCE's Centennial Page](#).

Farm Team Action Alert



Thank you to those who sent letters to the Senate Agriculture Committee opposing [SB 1381](#) (Noreen Evans, D-Santa Rosa), which would create a California-only labeling requirement for food that has been genetically modified.

Unfortunately, SB 1381 was pulled from the Agriculture Committee and referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee where it will be heard on Monday, May 12th.

SB 1381 will require that any food offered for retail sale in the state to be conspicuously labeled on the front or back of the package or on the shelf, container or bin with the words "Genetically Engineered" (GE). This will be required for food that is entirely or partially genetically engineered.

As a result, the bill would increase food costs for California families and raise liability and compliance costs for farmers, grocers and food manufacturers. The labels will confuse consumers with a label that lacks scientific basis and stigmatizes food that is safe and healthy.

[Take Action](#) today and urge members of the Senate

are eligible for?

[Click here](#) for list



Save the Date
FARM 2U 2014



October 9 2014

For more
information or to
participate please
contact the office at
209-723-3001

Appropriations Committee to OPPOSE SB 1381 (Evans), which creates a California-only labeling requirement for food that has been genetically modified.

Job Opportunities

- PG&E - [Supervisor](#)
- Hilmar Cheese - [Security Officer](#)
- E&J Gallo - [Environmental Specialist](#)
- Unknown (Livingston) - [IT Infrastructure Manager](#)
- Constellation Brands - [Manager Bottling Maintenance](#)
- Pacheco High School - [Biology Instructor](#)
- Los Banos High School - [Biology Instructor](#)
- NCI - [Welder](#)
- Sensient - [Sanitation Supervisor](#)
- Hilmar Cheese - [R & D Intern](#)
- Unknown (Los Banos) - [Pipefitter](#)
- Unknown (Los Banos) - [Pipe Welder](#)
- Gustine Unified - [Food Services Worker](#)
- DFA - [Production Supervisor](#)
- Foster Farms - [Multiple Jobs](#)
- Merced County - [Multiple Jobs](#)

**May 9: LAST CHANCE REMINDER for the
3rd Annual Teacher Appreciation Wine
& Cheese Night**

*Held at the Merced Fruit Barn on May 9, 2014, stop by
between 4-7pm*

TEACHER APPRECIATION WINE & CHEESE EVENT

FRIDAY MAY 9, 2014
DROP BY ANYTIME BETWEEN 4-7PM

MERCED FRUIT BARN
4526 EAST HIGHWAY 140, MERCED

Join us for wine, cheese, and appetizers while learning about Merced County Agriculture and creative ways to incorporate agriculture into your classroom!

RSVP to Sarah Bell
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Hosted by Merced County Farm Bureau

Merced County Farm Bureau will host their 3rd Annual Teacher Appreciation Wine and Cheese night at the Merced Fruit Barn located at 4526 East Highway 140, Merced, on Friday, May 9, 2014. Merced County K-12 teachers are encouraged to stop by anytime between 4pm and 7pm.

Upcoming Events

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8: UCCE Centennial Anniversary [Celebration](#)

9: 3rd [Annual Teacher Appreciation Wine and Cheese Night](#) (RSVP Today!)

9: [Fresno Grizzlies Ag Night](#)

10: [Rockin for CASA](#)

13: UCCE Walnut Pruning Trial Field Day

18: Cardella Winery [Schizzo di Vino](#)

31: California Poultry Federation, [Backyard Flock Workshop](#)

31: [Riverdance Farms Festival](#)