

YUBA-SUTTER FARM BUREAU

croptalk

VOLUME 18 NO 6

COUNTRY BUTCHER
EST. 1979
PREMIUM QUALITY MEATS

860

PRODUCER FOCUS
COUNTRY BUTCHER

AG IN THE CLASSROOM
LEADER JUDY CULBERTSON
RETIRES

ENROLLMENT OPENS FOR
CAPB BEGINNING FARMERS
AND RANCHERS PROGRAM



YOUR 2024-2025 YSFB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OFFICERS



PRESIDENT
Brian Greathouse
Sutter County



FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
Michael Denny
Sutter County



SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
Joe Lemenager
Sutter County



THIRD VICE PRESIDENT
Shelby Stricklin
Sutter County

DIRECTORS, SUTTER COUNTY



Balbir Bains



Paul Basi



Mark Chesini



Satvinder Dallar



Cecil Davis



Rajeev Davit



Sy Hoing



Christine Ivory



James Marler



Amanda Pedrett



Harry Sidhu

DIRECTORS, YUBA COUNTY



Sarb Atwal



Frank Hall



Kulwant Johl



Andrew Jansen



Amar Sohal

CFBF REPRESENTATION

CFBF District 15 Board Director: Clark Becker

CFBF Northern Region Field Representative: Ned Coe

STAFF



Stephanie Younger
Executive Director



Lindsay Hyde
BYSWQC and PNSNS
Administrator



Ciera Mannan
Program Coordinator



Taylor Morrison
BYSWQC and
PNSNS Coordinator



Laurie Johnson
Membership
Coordinator



YUBA-SUTTER FARM BUREAU CROP TALK

is published monthly by the Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau, a non-profit trade organization whose mission is to represent Yuba-Sutter agriculture through public relations, education

and public policy advocacy in order to promote the economic viability of agriculture balanced with appropriate management of natural resources. This magazine and the activities sponsored by the Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau are paid for by the annual dues of its membership.

Articles published in Crop Talk may be reprinted without permission provided credit is given to the Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau and a copy of the issue in which the reprint appears is forwarded to our office listed below.

Article suggestions are encouraged, and we also encourage our members to submit their own articles for review. These should be mailed to our office. Use of articles is at the sole discretion of the Crop Talk Editor.

Grazing Summer Cover Crops: Species Selection is Key

Courtesy of Sarah Light, UCCE Agronomy Advisor; Ted Kingsley, Kingsley Farms; Brian Carter and Ben Carter, Benden Farms; Josh Davy, UCCE Livestock, Range, and Pasture Advisor

Two years of trials have been completed evaluating the economics and soil health benefits of grazing summer cover crops. We evaluated termination treatments for a summer cover crop. The cover crop mix was planted at the end of summer and irrigated up. After good growth and establishment, plots were terminated in one of three ways:

- Control: chopping and discing for incorporation
- Grazing: cows grazed directly in the plots and weighed before and after
- Baling: cover crop cut and windrowed, then baled for forage

Soil samples, crop yield, cattle weight gains, and economic data were collected.

In the first year a mix of sunnhemp, blackeyes, kale, and Piper sudangrass were planted at the end of August and grew rapidly in the warm weather. Cows were put on the field about a month later and grazed the mixture.

The second year we doubled the size of the trial area and planted mix of buckwheat, blackeyes, kale, turnips, white proso millet, and 'Piper' sudangrass. Plots were planted in August and the cover crop established well and grew rapidly. However, when the field was ready to be grazed, cows were calving and could not be moved. This caused a delay by several weeks and pushed the grazing time into early fall, which unfortunately was met with an early frost.



Cows grazing in plots in year one.

'Piper' sudangrass is a variety with a reputation for not developing as much prussic acid during dry spells when compared to other sudan varieties, however, all varieties are susceptible after frost. This early frost triggered the need to test for prussic acid prior to putting the animals on the field. Forage samples were submitted to the UC Davis CAHFS lab for analysis and produced dangerously high toxicity levels. When ingested, prussic acid converts to a cyanide compound that will cause death in livestock. With these risks the decision was made to not graze the field. The cover crop was incorporated into the soil for increased organic matter and associated soil health benefits.

We originally chose sudangrass as a main component in our mix for several reasons. Sudangrass is fast-growing and produces substantial biomass quickly. The seed is low in cost and the forage is high quality if not allowed to mature. However, if it is not grazed prior to frost, it can be toxic for animals.

To avoid this risk this summer, we plan to select a different cover crop mix and repeat the same trial design.

In this scenario the cover crop is planted in mid to late summer after a cash crop has been harvested.

The risk with sudangrass is that although there is ample time to grow a large amount of biomass, it also creates a short grazing window due to the risk of toxicity. In addition, summer cover crops are grazed at a busy time of year for other farm operations. A cover crop with a more flexible grazing window will make it easier to implement harvest strategies and will ensure animal safety.

Thank you to the Western SARE for funding this project. 🌱



Ungrazed cover crop mix year two.

Ag in the Classroom leader Judy Culbertson Retires

Courtesy of CAFB AgAlert, Written by Christine Souza

Judy Culbertson, executive director of the California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom, has retired after more than 40 years of guiding the organization.

California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass lauded Culbertson for playing a significant role in raising awareness of agriculture. Ag in the Classroom provides educational resources to about 1 million students and thousands of teachers each year.

"Judy has introduced agriculture to generations of teachers and students, providing information about the value of the state's diverse food and agricultural sector and showing how it connects to their everyday lives," Douglass said.

On behalf of the foundation, created by the California Farm Bureau in 1986, Culbertson—who retired April 1—said she has spent her career creating resources, programs, events, and other opportunities for teachers so students can learn more about where their food and fiber come from.

"To reach more people, we found that our niche was in curriculum, so we developed free resources that fit into every subject area, including science, math, English, nutrition, art and physical education," Culbertson said. "Many teachers have never been on a farm or don't know much about agriculture, so we try to make it as easy as possible."

California Department of Food and Agriculture Secretary Karen Ross praised Culbertson for her dedication to agricultural education.

"Throughout her career, Judy has touched so many lives of children, teachers and parents she may never meet but who have benefitted from her passionate commitment to ag literacy," Ross said. "She has worked tirelessly to grow Ag in the Classroom to reach

more students every year, and she has mentored talented young staff members to constantly evolve the program in changing times."

After graduating from California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo, with a bachelor's degree in agricultural business management, Culbertson took a job with the California Farm Bureau's

commonality among us, and all kids are interested in food," Culbertson said. "I think teachers innately know that their students may not know much about their food and fiber, so if we can get them enthusiastic about school gardening, for example, that is a win."

Culbertson said she has watched people's interest in agriculture grow during her

career, adding, "Ag in the Classroom has been promoting, educating and celebrating California-grown agriculture for decades." She pointed to the 1995 initiative by the state Department of Education that launched "A Garden in Every School." She said it brought hands-on learning about agriculture to thousands of schools statewide.

Under Culbertson's leadership, one of Ag in the Classroom's longest-running programs, the "Imagine this..." story-

writing contest is now in its 30th year. It invites third- through eighth-grade students to write agricultural-inspired stories. Winning stories are illustrated by high school art students and published in a book.

The contest grew out of a partnership with Sacramento-based KMAX-TV, which held a story-writing contest. At Culbertson's request, the theme for two years was agriculture. After the station dropped the contest, Ag in the Classroom kept it going. This year's winning authors were celebrated last month during California Agriculture Day at the state Capitol.

Another popular resource, Culbertson said, is the "What's Growin' On?" student newspaper offered free to teachers for their classrooms. Viewed by 1 million readers annually, the paper began 22 years ago as a partnership with The Fresno Bee and is loaded with activities and information for students.



Judy Culbertson, executive director of the California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom, speaks at Capitol Agriculture Day at the state Capitol in 2017. She retired April 1, after more than 40 years of dedication to agricultural education.

Young Farmers & Ranchers program. The role evolved to include development of agricultural education programs.

The idea to focus on agricultural education grew out of a phone call, Culbertson said.

"It was 1980 when we got the call from the San Francisco Unified School District," she said. "The district asked if we could arrange a field trip for teachers to visit apple orchards in Sonoma County."

The event was so successful, she recalled, "pretty soon, there were more field trips, and then schools wanted curriculum, so it blossomed."

A year later, the Farm Bureau held San Francisco Farm Day, an event that attracted some 10,000 students from 20 schools and featured presentations by farmer volunteers from 10 different county Farm Bureaus.

"No matter if you are a city kid or a country kid, teachers find that kids relate to agriculture because it brings

"The theme of the newspaper this year is 'Fields of Innovations' and contains information on all kinds of new technologies used in agriculture," Culbertson said.

An event each September that attracts about 200 teachers is the Ag in the Classroom annual conference, which offers workshops, field trips, exhibits and more. Julie Cates, who teaches sixth grade at Linwood Elementary School in Visalia, described the event as innovative and "beyond any other teacher conference."

At a recent conference, she said, "people were blown away" after hearing from a hospital chef who spoke about health and nutrition benefits of local produce that he sources from farms for the University of California, Davis, Medical Center.

Citing her professionalism and dedication, Cates credits Culbertson for engaging her to bring agriculture into her classroom.

"It was such a great experience to meet Judy and work with her. She just is very clever and conscious of bringing the agriculture industry to the regular teacher," Cates said.



Judy Culbertson, executive director of the California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom, speaks about the benefits of agriculture during a 2018 interview with Michael Marks of Good Day Sacramento.

Ag in the Classroom, which has thousands of supporters and social media followers, Culbertson said, is working to expand its reach. One promising new initiative is a web-based application called "Knowin' What's Growin'." Funded by a \$500,000 Specialty Crops Block Grant, the app will help travelers through California identify and learn more about crops growing in the state's 58 counties.

A fourth-generation farmer, Culbertson

grew up on her family's pear farm. As a child, she sold lemonade at the family's packing plant and later managed fruit processing and distribution.

"As us kids got older, we just took on more responsibility," she said.

Culbertson is a past president of the National Agriculture in the Classroom Organization, past chair of the California State Fair Agricultural Advisory Council, chair of the State Fair's California Agricultural Heritage Club and is involved in many community organizations. Culbertson is a recipient of the California State Fair Agricultural Progress Award.

Culbertson said she is looking forward to spending more time with family and friends and spending time in the garden and volunteering. She and her husband, Jim, grow Bartlett pears and winegrapes in Courtland. They have two adult children and two grandsons.

Learn more about Ag in the Classroom at www.learnaboutag.org.

LIFE INSURANCE

Options to Protect Your Farm

Protect your family and business in more ways than you think:

- *Beginning farmers - provide your family financial stability in your absence*
- *Established farmers - help your farm continue after illness, retirement or death*
- *Survivorship planning - provide funds should something happen to your most valuable employees*



FARM WEST INSURANCE SERVICES

BY YUBA-SUTTER FARM BUREAU®

CA LICENSE #0B99774

Contact Randy Fletcher today 530.741.0441



It pays to be an AgWest customer-member.

In 2023, our Patronage Program paid 1.25% of daily balances on eligible loans as a cash dividend. This totaled \$387 million returned to customer-members across the West. If you're not receiving a portion of your lender's profits back, it's time to make the switch to AgWest Farm Credit.

Learn more at AgWestFC.com



This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Enrollment Opens for Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Program

Courtesy of The California Bountiful Foundation and California Farm Bureau

The California Bountiful Foundation, the 501(c)3 science, research, and education nonprofit organization of the California Farm Bureau began enrollment on Feb. 21 for a new program called Expanding Our Roots: Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Mentorship Program.

The program has a website where beginning farmers and ranchers with one to 10 years of farming and ranching experience in California may enroll for free in the mentorship program.

Farmers and ranchers interested in serving as mentors may also sign up via the webpage. Mentors are financially compensated for providing six hours of mentoring services to beginning farmers and ranchers.

The program will allow 200 beginning farmers to be paired up with mentor farmers and ranchers with more than 10 years of experience. Half of program participants must be specialty crop growers. Under program funding requirements, priority consideration will be given to socially disadvantaged farmers and military veterans in farming and ranching.

Mentoring will focus on a range of topics, including market access, climate stresses, navigating the regulatory system, production management and business aspects of farming in California.

The program will also provide educational workshops that offer insights on regulations for farming and ranching in California. Additionally, participants will learn about financial incentives, including grant opportunities that can help them fund conservation management practices and climate-smart agriculture. They will be exposed to resources from the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources and UC Cooperative Extension.

Grant funding for this project was made possible through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

"This program is designed to bring our agricultural community even closer together as a family through mentoring opportunities," said Dr. Amrith Gunasekara, science and research director for the California Bountiful Foundation. "Mentoring the new generation of farmers and ranchers by experienced farmers and ranchers will ensure agriculture and food security is sustained into the future."

The California Farm Bureau works to protect family farms and ranches on behalf of more than 26,000 members statewide and as part of a nationwide network of 5.8 million Farm Bureau members.



**CORE FINANCIAL
GROUP**

PLANNING • INVESTMENTS • INSURANCE

**Supporting farming
professionals in securing the
business they have grown
from the ground up.**

LET US HELP YOU WITH:

- * Retirement & Estate Planning
- * Create & Preserve Wealth
- * Investment Management
- * Help in Mitigating Taxes
- * Financial Plan Tailored to Your Needs



Matthew DiGiacomo, CFP®



Michael Critchfield, CFP®

Call Us Today!
530.751.9525

The financial professionals of Core Financial Group are Registered Representatives and Investment Adviser Representatives with/and offer securities and advisory services through Commonwealth Financial Network, Member FINRA/SIPC, a Registered Investment Adviser. Fixed insurance products and services are separate from and not offered through Commonwealth. CA Insurance License # Michael Critchfield OE80445 | Matthew DiGiacomo OD83913.

1215 Plumas St. Suite 1502 Yuba City CA 95991

COUNTRY VETERINARY CLINIC

Beautiful Country Setting for Quality, Personable Medicine

4839 E. Butte Road
Live Oak, CA 95953

(530) 674-1660

Mon-Fri: 8:00am - 5:30pm

Sat: 8:00am - 12:00pm

Sun: 4:00pm - 6:00pm
(for lodging pick-up only)



www.countryvet.net

Monthly Gardening Tips

Courtesy of UCCE Master Gardeners of Sacramento County

May

Melons – Marvelous Melons!

Melons originated in Africa and Southwest Asia then gradually appeared in Europe toward the end of the Roman Empire. Melons were among the earliest plants to be domesticated in both the Old and New Worlds resulting in numerous cultivars worldwide. Interesting information, yes, but not as interesting and “tasty” as biting into a marvelously ripe, sweet, juicy melon!

The following is a general guide with tips on growing melons in the Sacramento Valley. For more detailed information and helpful resources, review our Environmental Horticulture Note Growing Melons in Sacramento (sacmg.ucanr.edu).



Melons are a warm season crop requiring high temperatures and grow very well in the Sacramento Valley. Depending on the variety, average time required is about 90 days from sowing to harvest.

These are some favorites grown by the Sacramento County Master Gardeners:

- Muskmelons— ‘Ambrosia’
Cantaloupe, ‘Hale’s Best’
Cantaloupe, ‘Sweet ’n Early’
Cantaloupe, ‘Hearts of Gold’
Cantaloupe, ‘Honey Girl Hybrid’
Charentais, ‘Arava’ Galia, ‘Crème de la Crème Hybrid’ Ananas
- Late melons— ‘Bartlett’ Honeydew,
‘Crane’ Crenshaw, ‘Burpee’s Early Hybrid’ Crenshaw, ‘Lambkin Hybrid’ Piel de Sapo, ‘Amy Hybrid’ Canary

Plants can be started indoors in pots a few weeks before planting, or sow seeds in the ground ½ to 1 inch deep.

Melons can be grown in most types of soil conditions but prefer light, well-drained soils high in organic matter. When planting, choose a site that gets full sunlight. Optimal soil temperatures should be between 68° and 78°F with nighttime temperatures consistently above 50°F. This is typically late April or May in the Sacramento Valley.

Bees are important in transferring pollen from the male flowers to the female flowers for fruit to develop. Plant melons in a sunny location near a pollinator plant that attracts bees to help encourage successful pollination. At the Fair Oaks Horticulture Center, ‘African Blue’ basil is a favorite flowering plant to attract bees.

When fruits begin to form, melons in contact with soil may develop rotten spots or be damaged by insects. To avoid this problem, place a board or a few inches of mulch beneath each fruit.

Another option is to grow vines vertically. A single melon plant can spread its vines over 16 to 24 square feet of soil, so training melons to grow on a trellis, fence, or concrete reinforcing wire is a good solution to avoid rotten spots and damage by insects. Growing melons vertically will also save space, simplify harvesting, and improve air circulation to prevent powdery mildew.

When growing vertically, remember that a melon stem will not support the weight of maturing melons that hang, so each fruit must be given extra support. When the melons are approximately 2 inches in diameter, they should be



cradled in slings made of netting, old nylon stockings, or tee-shirts cut into strips (anything that will stretch as the melons enlarge and mature).

Keep soil evenly moist and give deep soakings until fruits reach mature size. Reduce the frequency of irrigation at the first ripe melon to concentrate flavors and eliminate cracking, but do not allow the plant to wilt. After harvesting the first melons, return to the original watering schedule so the next crop of melons can obtain optimum size.

Remember to mulch soil around plants to help maintain consistent moisture and suppress weeds. Apply liquid fertilizer, such as fish emulsion, when the first true leaves emerge. Both fish emulsion and seaweed/kelp can also be applied when vines begin to sprawl, and fruits begin to form.

Check out the September tip for harvesting clues (including the somewhat tricky watermelon). sacmg.ucanr.edu



Plant this month

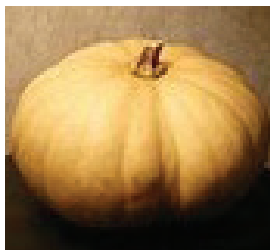
Tomato and pepper transplants can be planted this month. Seeds of pumpkins, beans, corn, squash, cucumbers, and melons can be sown in the garden around the middle of this month. For interesting and unusual fall decorations, consider growing pumpkins or winter squash that are unusual and not your ordinary jack-o-lantern. Here are some varieties to consider.



'Jarrahdale' - slate, blue-gray; shape is flat, ribbed, and very decorative



'Marina di Chioggia' - large turban-shaped fruits with deep blue-green skin



'Long Island Cheese' - flat, lightly-ribbed fruits look like wheels of cheese with buff-colored skin



'Musquee de Provence' - big, flat pumpkins shaped like a large wheel of cheese; rich brown skin when ripe



'Rouge Vif d'Etampes' - beautiful flattened, ribbed large fruits are a deep red-orange



Galeaux D'Eysines'
A flesh-colored pumpkin with random warts that look like peanut shells (caused by sugar in the skin as it ripens). The flattened pumpkins weigh 10 to 15 pounds.

Sacramento Flower Seed Planting Schedule

Courtesy of UCCE Master Gardeners of Sacramento County

Plant	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Alyssum												
Aster												
Baby's Breath												
Calendula												
California Poppy												
Celosia												
Cleome												
Coleus												
Cornflower												
Cosmos												
Echinacea												
Forget-Me-Not												
Four O'Clocks												
Foxglove												
Gomphrena												
Hollyhock												
Larkspur												
Marigold												
Morning Glory												
Nasturtium												
Periwinkle												
Poppy												
Portulaca												
Rudbeckia												
Salvia												
Scabiosa												
Snapdragon												
Stock												
Sunflower												
Sweet Pea												
Verbena												
Viola												
Zinnia												

Start Indoors



Direct Seed in the Garden



In our field, experience matters.

Rabo AgriFinance with 125 years of experience, offers leading agricultural producers customized financial services and insurance products. When you choose us, your're choosing a strong, stable global financial partner.

Let's talk.



www.raboag.com
(855) 722-7766

Rabo AgriFinance 
Growing a better world together

Agricultural products are offered by Rabo AgriFinance LLC and Cooperative Rabobank U.A., New York Branch. Rabo AgriFinance LLC is an Equal Opportunity Provider. Loans made or arranged pursuant to a California Financing Law License #603F585.

A HEALTHY FARM OR RANCH IS NOTHING WITHOUT A HEALTHY YOU

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

American farmers and their families face tough challenges. Many of the factors that affect agricultural production are largely beyond the control of the producer. **Good health, including mental health, is a key factor that contributes to one's ability to keep farming.**

Crisis Hotlines

National Suicide Prevention

1-800-273-8255

24/7

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services

1-800-662-4357

24/7 365 days/year

National Alliance on Mental Illness







1-800-950-6264

Monday - Friday

6 AM - 3 PM PDT



FOR AGRICULTURAL POPULATIONS, STRESSFUL EVENTS MIGHT INCLUDE:

-  **FINANCIAL CONCERNS**
(IE: EQUIPMENT PURCHASES, BORROWING FOR FARM OPERATIONS, MORTGAGES OR RENT, INSURANCE)
-  **PERSONAL OR FAMILY CONCERNS**
(IE: DEATH OF SOMEONE CLOSE, ILLNESS, MARITAL RELATIONSHIPS, FAMILY DEMANDS)
-  **WORK RELATED INJURIES**
-  **CHANGE IN FARM POLICIES**
-  **CHEMICAL EXPOSURE**
-  **WEATHER**

ASSISTANCE WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES:

For a medical or life-threatening emergency, **call 9-1-1**

Mental Health America -

www.mentalhealthamerica.net

If you or someone you know is contemplating suicide,
call 1-800-SUICIDE (1-800-784-2433)

COUNTRY BUTCHER

Written by Ciera Mannan, YSFB Program Coordinator

Located at 5860 Feather River Boulevard, lies a staple in our community, Country Butcher. This family-owned business is dedicated to providing their community with the highest quality meat and meat processing services. Founded in 1979, this beloved institution has been serving the Yuba and Sutter communities with the finest cuts of meat.

What sets Country Butcher apart is not just their products, but their commitment to delivering unparalleled quality at a fair price.

The story of Country Butcher is one of passion and dedication. After working for Chico State University Meats Lab and being recruited by a slaughterhouse in Siskiyou County, Adam and Katie Knapp bought Country Butcher from its original owners in 2016. Even though Adam and Katie did not grow up here, the acceptance and support from everyone in the community has really made it feel like home. Adam and Katie have three small children who have all grown up in the shop and will soon be working right alongside their mom and dad.

Over the last eight years, Adam and Katie have worked to build upon the legacy that was set before them. Country Butcher is more than just a



Photo by Country Butcher
Variety of Meats

place to buy meat; it is a cornerstone for our community. Families rely on them for their daily meals and special occasions, and companies rely on them for their meetings and events. Through various initiatives and charitable

endeavors, they sow the seeds of change in our community, supporting farmers, ranchers, and agricultural youth who form the backbone of our local economy. From donating proceeds to agricultural scholarships, employing students, and sponsoring community events, Country Butcher remains committed to ensuring that the benefits of its success are shared by all.

Whether it's a tender steak, juicy roast, or flavorful marinated chicken, every product reflects the shop's unwavering award-winning standards. Country Butcher is a multi-year recipient of the Wayne Hall Excellence in Curing Award for the overall best combined bacon, bone-in ham, boneless ham, and smoked turkey. This accomplishment is extremely special as it is given in honor of Wayne Hall, the late founder of Country Butcher.

One of the shop's signature products is their marinated meats. The unique vacuum tumbling method that Country Butcher uses gently marinates products leaving you with a juicy and flavorful cut of meat. Delectable marinades such



Photo by Country Butcher - Serving
Smoked Tri Tip at the Browns Valley
Elementary Harvest Festival

as Burgundy Pepper, Asada, Butter and Garlic, and Yukon Gold are just a few of the options that are offered for beef, pork, and poultry products.

Beyond its esteemed status as a supplier of quality meats, Country Butcher distinguishes itself through its approach

to meat processing services.

Embracing the artistry of ranch butchering alongside the stringent guidelines of USDA processing, the meat processing division of Country Butcher stands as a testament to their dedication to their community. Notably, Country Butcher holds

the exclusive distinction of being the only USDA and CDFA inspect meat processing establishment within Yuba and Sutter counties.

Yet, Country Butcher's impact extends far beyond the realm of meats and marination. As Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau members, you may recognize Country Butcher through their sponsorship and support of our events such as Spray Safe and Spring Fling. We are grateful for the continuous support from Country Butcher. The Knapp's said "Becoming a Farm Bureau member is a great way to support the farmers and ranchers that support us".



Photo by Country Butcher - Adam
and Katie Knapp at the Yuba-Sutter Jr.
Livestock Auction





JOIN US FOR

BLOSSOMS & BEER

MAY 11, 2024

4 PM TO 8 PM

Loveys Landing
3474 N Meridian Rd,
Meridian, CA 95957

HOSTED BY



YUBA-SUTTER
YOUNG FARMERS
& RANCHERS

Tree Sales, Consulting, Custom Pruning & Grafting

Sutter Buttes Nursery



Ernie Rodriguez, Owner
Sam Nevis, Owner
Dominic Nevis, Owner

PO Box 3775 Yuba City, CA 95992

530-674-2060



Megan Stephens-Grima
"Farm Girl Turned Insurance Gal"

OAKVIEW
INSURANCE SERVICES, INC.

**FARM & AGRIBUSINESS
INSURANCE**
(530) 674-5054

Nationwide Farm Certified
& AFIS Certified

50 CA Ag Leadership
Foundation Class 50

megan@yourfavoriteagent.net LIC# 0L91635



AGRICULTURE FINANCING

*It's a perfect time
to grow.*

**LONG-TERM FINANCING
VARIABLE & FIXED RATE OPTIONS**

- Ag Production Lines
- Ag Equipment New & Used
- Orchard Development
- Land Refinance or Acquisition
- Farmer Mac Lender

 **RIVERVALLEY
COMMUNITY BANK**
Local banking, done right.

 **THE Best**
OF YUBA-SUTTER 2022

myrvcb.com | 530.755.0418

FDIC  **MEMBER**

COMMITTED TO SAFETY, SECURITY & CUSTOMER SERVICE

RMF, INC. EXCAVATING



ORCHARD REMOVAL & ROOT EXTRACTION

REMOVING LARGE WALNUT TREES, ALMONDS AND MORE!

CAT 336
CAT EXCAVATOR WITH ROOT RAKE
DIRT MIXING/TRENCHING WITH 5FT BUCKET

CAT D7G
Cook Chisel | Discing | Landplaning

FOR ADDITIONAL INFO CONTACT:
Rich McGowan 530-624-3614 | Paul McGowan 530-624-3168
Office 530-342-4040

THE BROADEST SELECTION OF TRACTORS FOR NARROW ROWS.



A NEW WORLD DEMANDS NEW HOLLAND.

Orchards, nut groves and vineyards demand a tractor designed specifically for challenging dimensions and tough conditions. As the world's leading supplier of narrow tractors, New Holland offers three hard-working, reliable tractor lines with big engine and hydraulic power in slim, low-profile, streamlined designs.

- **T4F narrow tractors** – tight-turning tractors with available front and rear hitch/PTO
- **T4V ultra-narrow tractors** – goes where other tractors can't with a 43.1-inch minimum overall width
- **TK4 crawler tractors** – ultimate traction, flotation and stability for steep terrain

Learn more about New Holland's broad selection of 63 to 93 PTO hp narrow tractors at www.newholland.com



Beeler Tractor Company

887 E. Onstott Rd., Yuba
City, California 95991
www.beelertractor.com
530-673-3555

Colusa, California
530-458-5196

Anderson, California
530-378-1116

© 2018 CNH Industrial America LLC. All rights reserved. "New Holland" is a trademark registered in the United States and many other countries, owned by or licensed to CNH Industrial N.V., its subsidiaries or affiliates. "Equipped For A New World" is a trademark in the United States and many other countries, owned by or licensed to CNH Industrial N.V., its subsidiaries or affiliates.

The Law Offices of Robin Clark Bevier, PC

Your Business and Estate Planning Attorney Since 1985

ESTATE TAX AND FAMILY SUCCESSION PLANNING FOR FARMERS & RANCHERS

"My business and legal education complement my understanding and use of estate planning techniques to assist my clients to integrate family, tax, business, and succession requirements, into a comprehensive estate and business plan."

- Estate and Succession Planning for Family Farms
- Estate Tax Planning
- Family Wealth Transfer Planning
- Use of Special Use Valuation for Family Farms & Ranches

(916) 858-0904
rbevier@robinbevier.com
www.BevierLaw.com

Roseville Law Office: 970 Reserve Drive, Ste. 105, Roseville, CA 95678
Gold River Law Office: 2479 Sunrise Blvd. Gold River, CA 95670



Estate & Business Planning Expert
35 Years of Experience

Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau Business Members Directory

Support these businesses and let them know you are a Farm Bureau member!
Call the Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau at 673-6550 for information on becoming a Business Member.

AERIAL APPLICATION

Anderson's Flying Service

Robbins, CA
(530) 738-4205

Moe's Crop Dusting Service, Inc.

Pleasant Grove, CA
(530) 682-5117

Sutter Butte Dusters, Inc.

P.O. Box 213, Live Oak, CA
(530) 695-2294
sutterbuttedusters@gmail.com

Twin Cities Aviation

94 2nd St., Yuba City, CA
(530) 673-4578

AGRICULTURAL ADVISING

Agricultural Advisors

3995 E. Butte Rd., Live Oak, CA
(530) 674-1255

Denney Ag Consulting, LLC

P.O. Box 661, Sutter, CA
(530) 312-5604

APIARIES

Strachan Apiaries, Inc.

2522 Tierra Buena Rd., Yuba City, CA
(530) 674-3881

ASSOCIATIONS

California Canning Peach Association

335 Teegarden Ave., Yuba City, CA
(530) 673-8526

City of Yuba City

1201 Civic Center Blvd., Yuba City, CA
(530) 822-4762

Garden Highway Mutual

Water Corporation

Yuba City, CA
(530) 674-2837

AUCTION SERVICE

Bid Cal Inc.

Chico, CA
(530) 345-0840

BANKING/FINANCIAL

AgWest Farm Credit

1800 Lassen Blvd., Yuba City, CA
(530) 671-1420

Citizens Business Bank

700 Plumas St., Yuba City, CA
(530) 674-6207

Core Financial Group

1215 Plumas St., Yuba City, CA
(530) 228-3029
michael@mycoremoney.com

Crippen and Associates

319 6th St., Suite #7, Marysville, CA
(530) 742-8201

Five Star Bank

855 Harter Pkwy., Suite 350B, Yuba City, CA
(530) 431-0950

Rabo AgriFinance

855 Harter Pkwy., Yuba City, CA
(855) 887-9276

River Valley Community Bank

1629 Colusa Ave., Yuba City, CA
(530) 821-2460

Tenney & Company, CPA

1528 Starr Dr., Suite A, Yuba City, CA
(530) 674-4211

CHEMICAL & FERTILIZER COMPANIES

Helena Agri-Enterprises

6788 Colusa Hwy., Yuba City, CA
(530) 674-3718

Wilbur Ellis

900 N. George Washington Blvd.,
Yuba City, CA
(530) 673-0921

CONSTRUCTION

Gary Smith

Yuba City, CA
(530) 701-6731

Hilbers, Inc.

770 N. Walton Ave., #100, Yuba City, CA
(530) 673-2947

Rosser Enterprises, Inc.

4355 Dairy Rd., Wheatland, CA
(530) 713-8531

CUSTOM FARMING

Fiveway, Inc.

3339 N. Township Rd., Yuba City, CA
(530) 671-9519

John Behrend Custom Logging

Dobbins, CA
(530) 632-3528

EQUIPMENT/VEHICLES

Beeler Tractor Co.

887 E. Onstott Rd., Yuba City, CA
(530) 673-3555

Holt Ag Solutions

2950 Colusa Hwy., Yuba City, CA
(530) 755-3363

Orchard Machinery Corporation

2700 Colusa Hwy., Yuba City, CA
(530) 673-2822

Pape Machinery

715 Hwy 99, Gridley, CA
(530) 624-9403

FARM MANAGEMENT

JS Johal & Sons, Inc.

5020 Garden Hwy., Yuba City, CA
(530) 682-3600

PR Ag Services

Paul Takhar
(530) 682-6900
treeshakes@gmail.com

FARMS, RANCHES & INDIVIDUALS

Balbir Bains

2909 Reed Rd., Yuba City, CA
(530) 682-9315

BGH LP

6394 Larkin Rd., Live Oak, CA

Full Belly Farm

16141 Road 43, Guinda, CA
(530) 796-2214

Just Farms LP

Gridley, CA
(530) 846-3958

Lundberg Family Farms

Mike Denny
(530) 538-3500

Nor-Cal Farming Company, LLC

1325 Berry Rd., Yuba City, CA
(530) 674-5861

Red Maple Ranch

Yuba City, CA
(530) 218-7980
redmapleranchflowers@gmail.com

Samara Ranches

Yuba City, CA
(530) 788-3838
bobby@newlegendinc.com

Shaeffer Ranch, LLC

Clovis, CA

T&M Meyer Farms

8681 S Butte Rd., Sutter, CA
(530) 570-9957

Tamita Farms

8444 S Butte Rd., Sutter, CA
(530) 674-9378

Triple H Ranches

Robbins, CA
(530) 666-1500

FUEL**Lakeview Petroleum**

1528 Colusa Hwy., Yuba City, CA
(530) 742-7614

Valley Pacific Petroleum

Stockton, CA
(209) 948-9412
rob.goodman@vpps.net

HULLING & DRYING**Fedora Farms**

2551 Farman Rd., Meridian, CA
(530) 696-2230

INSURANCE**Denney Insurance Services**

856 Richland Rd., Suite B, Yuba City, CA
(530) 671-5813

Farm West Insurance Services

475 N Palora Ave., Suite B, Yuba City, CA
(530) 741-0441

Galligan & Associates

440 Palora Ave., Yuba City, CA
(530) 671-4841

Huntley Bravos Zall Insurance Brokers

520 Olive St., Marysville, CA 95901
(530) 743-9264

Oakview Insurance Services, Inc.

1560 Sierra Ave., #202, Yuba City, CA
(530) 674-5054
megan@yourfavoriteagent.net

Roberson & Sons Insurance Services Inc.

Eric Roberson
(530) 365-1009

Rose Insurance Agency, Inc.

855 Harter Pkwy., Yuba City, CA

Sutter Buttes Insurance

1527 Starr Dr, #M, Yuba City, CA
(530) 216-1067

Zenith Agribusiness Solutions

Craig Thomson
(916) 781-2110
cthompson@thezenith.com

LEGAL SERVICES**Hyatt-McIntyre & Associates**

950 Tharp Rd., Suite 701, Yuba City, CA
(530) 674-9761

The Law Offices of Robin C. Bevier PC

2479 Sunrise Blvd., Gold River, CA
(916) 858-0904

NURSERY**Guillaume Grapevine Nursery**

21208 State Highway 113, Knights Landing, CA
(530) 735-6821

Sierra Gold Nurseries

5320 Garden Hwy., Yuba City, CA
(530) 674-1145

PROCESSING & DRYING**Catlett Warehouse**

2138 Catlett Rd., Pleasant Grove, CA
(530) 674-2380

District 10 Dryers, LLC

9000 Mathews Ln., Marysville, CA
(530) 742-3116

Miki Orchard, Inc.

803 Boyer Rd., Marysville, CA
(530) 743-4402

Sacramento Packing, Inc.

833 Tudor Rd., Yuba City, CA
(530) 671-4488

Shoei Foods

1900 Feather River Blvd., Olivehurst, CA
(530) 742-7866

Sunsweet Growers

901 Walton Ave., Yuba City, CA
(530) 751-5379

SunWest Foods, Inc.

Yuba City, CA
(530) 671-8888

Taylor Brothers Farms

182 Wilkie Ave., Yuba City, CA
(530) 671-1505

Van Dykes Rice Dryer

4036 Pleasant Grove Rd., Pleasant Grove, CA
(916) 655-3171

PUMP & WELL**Nor Cal Pump & Well Service**

1325 Barry Rd., Yuba City, CA
(530) 674-5861

REAL ESTATE**Coldwell Banker Commercial**

Valley Brokers
1307 Franklin Rd., Yuba City, CA
(530) 673-6614

Edwards, Lien & Toso

Randy Edwards
(209) 634-9484
randaledwards19@hotmail.com

Farm & Ranch Realty

P.O. Box 564, Woodland, CA
(530) 908-4689

SERVICES - OTHER**Bridge Coffee Co., LLC**

101 Clark Ave., Yuba City, CA
(530) 673-6001

Country Butcher

5860 Feather River Blvd., Olivehurst, CA
(530) 742-0284

Joel Giusti

Yuba City, CA
(530) 237-6951

Pride Employment & Staffing

Paul Basi
(530) 661-3405

SUPPLY**Bearing Belt Chain Company**

829 5th St., Marysville, CA
(530) 743-9256

California Industrial Rubber Co., Inc

1690 Sierra Ave., Yuba City, CA
(530) 485-1487

Derco Supply

2920 A Colusa Hwy., Yuba City, CA
(530) 673-0481

Grange CoOp & Nursery Supply

1264 Stabler Ln., Yuba City, CA
(530) 777-3551

Hust Brothers, Inc.

710 3rd St., Marysville, CA
(530) 743-1561

Sutter Orchard Supply

573 Bridge St., Yuba City, CA
(530) 673-8068

TRUCKING**Gee Agri Transport Inc.**

Yuba City, CA
(530) 674-7443

UTILITIES**Calpine**

5029 S. Township Rd., Yuba City, CA
(530) 821-2072

Chico Electric

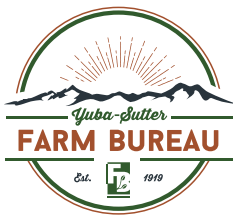
36 W Eaton Rd., Chico, CA
(530) 891-1933

Meridian Farms Water Co.

1138 4th St., Meridian, CA
(530) 696-2456

Renewable Solar

601 W. Grangeville Blvd., Hanford, CA
(559) 410-8640



**YUBA-SUTTER
FARM BUREAU**

475 N. Palora Avenue, Suite A
Yuba City, CA 95991

Presorted
Standard
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit #500
Claremont, CA

Almond Board of California Board of Director Elections



Are you an
almond grower
and have not received a ballot?

Ask your handler to contact the Elections team
at ABCBODElections@almondboard.com to
have a ballot mailed to you before May 20.

You can also pick up a ballot from the ABC
office.

For additional information, scan the QR
code, or email your questions to
ABCBODElections@almondboard.com.



**BALLOTS DUE
May 23, 2024**

