

First, I am a novice to agriculture and residing in Orange County.

Vision for CA Ag in 2030? (A) Sustainable for growing population(s), (B) Protecting the water and the air in our ag communities from bio-terrorism that would impede or eliminate our ability to grow healthy foods, (C) encourage small "in-fill" local farm areas throughout the state, (D) probably some farm/ranch subsidies from the state/feds to create additional efficiencies in machinery, technology, to feed the masses, a healthy product, (E) to educate the public masses how to determine nutrition, calorie intake, portion sizes and control, etc., to try to help create a more healthy citizenry for the long term and medically, (F) other things.

The Biggest Challenge to Achieving the Vision? (A) Environmental and bio-terrorism threats, (B) Mentality and commitment from State and Federal leaders to make adequate funding and resources available, (C) to make it easier for the public to be involved and understand the importance of nutrition, a healthy diet, exercise and weight control.

In 2030, How has the Public Perception of Agriculture changed? (A) In 2030, people will have realized it is everybody's business to be actively involved in every aspect of creating a sustainable, healthy agricultural business for all humans to benefit from.

What is a "Must Have" in an Ag Vision for California? (A) A world-wide research project to ascertain what works best to create the aforementioned, in conjunction with new technologies, (B) Money, possibly a "food" tax, (C) commitment by our government and industry leaders to promote aforementioned, (C) Possible, grants and scholarships for students of food science and agriculture to encourage more trained individuals and research projects to further aforementioned goals.

Ok, this is not an easy task but the CDFA should be applauded for initiating a process for public input. Hooray for Mr. A.G.Kawamura and his team for doing a good job; and keep up the good work for the people of California.

Regards,

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