

QUARTERLY QUIPS

DIVISION OF INSPECTION SERVICES

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The Office of Farm to Fork is Official

The Office of Farm to Fork was officially written into the Food and Agriculture code on September 26th, Governor Brown signed Assembly Bill (AB) 2413. The Bill, authored by Assembly Speaker John Perez, charges the Office with increasing access to healthy foods for underserved communities. AB 2413 was signed just days before the Office finished the scope of

work developed under an interagency agreement with the Department of Education and Department of Public Health. The resulting research and reports are available on the Office's website, www.cafarmtofork.com, as is more information on AB 2413.

The Office of Farm to Fork is excited for this opportunity to grow its Farm to School and Food Access efforts!

The Office has received \$278,000 to help increase direct farm-to-consumer sales of specialty crop products on a statewide basis by incorporating specialty crop products and producers into local community efforts to combat hunger, enhance agricultural education in schools, and to better connect consumers to specialty crop growers.

Direct Marketing

On September 26, 2014 Governor Brown signed Assembly Bill 1871, which provides the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) and counties funding to

support additional oversight to Certified Farmers' Markets (CFMs) and strengthens Direct Marketing throughout the state. This is a result of several listening sessions held

throughout California and from the outcome of the technical working group's report recommendations.

Japanese Research Scientist Visits CAC

On September 19, the Center for Analytical Chemistry hosted a visiting scientist from Japan. Dr. Hiroshi Sekiguchi is the chief research scientist for the Hokuren Agricultural Research Institute division in Saporu, Japan.

Dr. Sekiguchi's goal was to learn about our Quality Control process and see how the CDFA Food Safety laboratory prepares and analyzes produce samples in the enforcement environment. We had the opportunity to exchange ideas and compare the

work processes between the two programs. Dr. Sekiguchi shared his method of testing for Glyphosate that only takes hours instead of days as our current method does.

Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Listening Sessions

Date: November 6, 2014

Location: Sacramento Convention Center Complex

Register at: www.cdfa.ca.gov/is/fsma

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Recipe Books on Sale!

1 book for \$10 or 2 books for \$15

Please see Fiona Mattson if you would like to purchase one.

Great for holiday gifts!





What do you call a pig that does Karate?

A pork chop!

What new crop did the farmer plant?

Beets me

What did the ear of corn say when it lost all of it's clothes?

Aww shucks!

Why don't eggs tell jokes?

They'd crack each other!

Welcome Our New Staff to the Division of Inspection Services!

Shiu Chand-CAC

David Hsu-CAC

Ashwin Pal-CAC

James Robinson-CAC

Jenna Segal-Farm to Fork

Brooke Elliot-FFLDRS

Angelia Johnson-FFLDRS

Barzin Moradi-FFLDRS

Samantha Moran-FFLDRS

Gina Tenorio-I&C

Laurel Rudolph-I&C

Karrie Batchelor-I&C

Specialty Crop Block Grant Awarded to CAC

The Pesticide Residue program is the recipient of the Specialty Crop Block Grant again this year. The objective of the project is to improve the capability and data defensibility of

Specialty Crop pesticide analysis of the Anaheim Pesticide Residue laboratory. The grant funding of \$315,000 will be used to purchase an instrument that enables the program to expand the

scope of its method to detect more agrochemicals and deliver accurate results.

22nd Annual FREP/WPHA Conference

The California Department of Food and Agriculture's (CDFA) Fertilizer Research and Education Program (FREP) and the Western Plant Health Association (WPHA) are teaming up again this year to present a one and a half day conference on managing agricultural nutrients. This year's conference will be held on October 29 and 30, 2014, at the Double Tree Hotel in Modesto. The broad agenda is geared toward a wide range of agriculturalists, including agricultural supply and service consultants, growers, university extension specialists, crop advisers, and local, state and national governmental

agency personnel. Presenters from academia, industry and agricultural consulting will provide general and technical information, current research data, and practical applications addressing statewide and regional nutrient management issues.

Certified Crop Adviser (CCA) and Pest Control Adviser (PCA) continuing education units (CEUs) are available at the conference on both October 29 and 30. Early registration (submitted before October 1) is \$80 per day or \$150 for both days; currently enrolled students pay only \$45 per day or \$80 for both days. Late registration (submitted after October 1) is \$90 per

day or \$175 for both days; currently enrolled students pay only \$50 per day or \$90 for both days. To view the conference agenda and fill out the online registration form, please visit the FREP website: <http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/is/ffldr/frep.html>.

For more information about the 2014 conference or the FREP program, please contact FREP staff at frep@cdfa.ca.gov or (916) 900-5022.

