



# Newsletter

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## **SO<sub>2</sub> PADS RECEIVE SECTION 3 REGISTRATION**

The California Blueberry Commission (CBC) has received confirmation from the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (CDPR) that the use of Sulfur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) Pads is now approved for domestic and export use. Since December 2020, the CBC has annually applied for and received a Section 24C Special Local Needs label to utilize SO<sub>2</sub> pads on blueberries for export use only from California. Since that time, the IR-4 Project, USDA-ARS, and CBC have continued to work together to gain data to support an established SO<sub>2</sub> tolerance to support registration for full use. On November 17, 2022, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), issued a final rule establishing a tolerance on blueberries for total sulfites, a key residue associated with sulfur dioxide application. With the newly established tolerance for SO<sub>2</sub>, both the EPA and CDPR have approved SO<sub>2</sub> pads for use in domestic and export markets through a Section 3 registration. Please see access finalized label for Berrisys, manufactured by Tessara, [here](#). Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Commission office with any questions or concerns.

## **CBC ATTENDS WORLD AG EXPO**

The Commission represented the California blueberry industry at the World Ag. Expo held at the International Agri-Center in Tulare, CA from February 14-16, 2023. The World Ag. Expo is regarded as one of the largest Agricultural trade shows in the world with more than 1,200 exhibitors on 2.6 million square feet of exhibit space. The show offers a wide range of ag-related exhibitors and seminars. For more information on this event, please do not hesitate to contact the Commission office.

## **CBC ATTENDS FRUIT LOGISTICA IN BERLIN**

The California Blueberry Commission participated in the annual Fruit Logistica Tradeshow, held in Berlin, Germany, from February 8-10, 2023. Exhibitors from 86 countries and trade visitors attend Fruit Logistica every year. Fruit Logistica covers every sector of the fresh produce business and provides a complete picture of the products and services at every link in the international supply chain. For more information on this event, please do not hesitate to contact the Commission office.

## **CBC ATTENDS NABC BLUEBERRY CONVENTION**

From February 21-24, 2023, the Commission attended the U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council (USHBC)/North American Blueberry Council's (NABC) annual spring meeting held in San Diego, CA. This event is an excellent opportunity to visit with other members of the industry and obtain relevant information on the USHBC/NABC's activities regarding promotions, exports, technology, research, etc. As a member of the Global Advisory Board, Commission representatives also had the opportunity to provide input on ongoing export development, market access, and promotion activities as they relate to the California industry specifically. For more information, please do not hesitate to contact the Commission office.

## **CBC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TODD SANDERS, APPOINTED TO NABC BOARD LEADERSHIP**

The North American Blueberry Council (NABC) released the full slate of its recently elected board of directors. Starting in 2023, the board has been expanded from 6 to 15 members, several of which hail from California. Among the new Board members is Todd Sanders, Executive Director of the California Blueberry Commission. The NABC board is charged with addressing issues, opportunities and industry practices that drive success and profitability in the production and distribution of blueberries in North America and around the world.

## INITIAL 2023 WATER SUPPLY ALLOCATIONS FOR CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT

The Bureau of Reclamation announced initial 2023 water supply allocations for Central Valley Project (CVP) water users. Water supply allocations are based on an estimate of water available for delivery to CVP water users and reflect current reservoir storage, precipitation, and snowpack in the Sierra Nevada. Please see below storage status broken down by reservoir. For additional detail on allocations, please see an update provided by the California Cotton Ginners and Growers Association [here](#).

### Central Valley Reservoir Status (as of Feb 19)

Reservoir	Storage Percent of Capacity	Storage (1,000 acre-feet)	Percent of 15-Year Average
Trinity	32	792	56
Shasta	59	2,675	93
Folsom	54	525	111
New Melones	44	1,059	77
Millerton	51	266	101
San Luis (federal sha)	64	618	95

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **CFFA 87TH ANNUAL MEETING**
  - MARCH 12TH-14TH
- **CBC STAFF IN D.C.**
  - MARCH 14TH-17TH
- **CBC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
  - MARCH 15TH
- **OFFICE CLOSED-GOOD FRIDAY**
  - APRIL 7, 2023
- **BLUEBERRY HILL CLIMB IN D.C.**
  - APRIL 16TH-18TH



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## RECIPIE CORNER: CALIFORNIA BLUEBERRY AND BANANA MAPLE OATS



### Ingredients:

- 1 cup nut butter
- 1/4 cup coconut oil
- 1/3 cup maple syrup
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 large egg
- 1 cup milk
- 3 ripe bananas, mashed
- 3 1/2 cups old fashioned oats
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 2 - 3 scoops protein powder
- 1/2 teaspoon Simply Organic cinnamon
- Pinch of salt
- 1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries

### Directions:

- Preheat the oven to 350°F and grease a 8" x 8" pan with cooking spray.
- Combine the nut butter and coconut oil in a microwave safe bowl. Microwave for 20-30 seconds or until the oil and nut butter are melted. Stir well.
- Mix in the maple syrup, vanilla extract, egg, and milk. Next, add in the mashed banana. Stir in the dry ingredients, including the oats, baking powder, protein powder, cinnamon, and salt. Fold in the blueberries.
- Transfer the batter to the prepared pan and bake for 25-30 minutes. Store in the fridge or freezer.



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