

Newsletter

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AB 2183 SEMINAR

The CBC and other local agriculture associations invite you to join them for an important labor seminar regarding AB 2183, the agricultural employee unionization card check legislation that goes into effect on January 1, 2023. The next seminars are located in Coachella and Orland.

Coachella: Thursday, January 5th from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Deadline to RSVP is January 3rd.

Orland: Tuesday, January 10th from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Deadline to RSVP is January 6th.

For additional details on how to RSVP, please access the Coachella flyer here and the Orland flyer here.

If this location is not convenient for you, we will be hosting additional seminars that will take place in other locations in the state. Additionally, we will be hosting additional seminars over zoom.

For updated procedural forms from the Agricultural Labor Relations Board, please access their website here.

Please do not hesitate to contact the CBC office with any questions.

SHIPPER REGISTRATION LIST FOR EXPORTS TO CHINA, PHILIPPINES, VIETNAM, AND CHILE STILL AVAILABLE!

As part of the agreements to export blueberries from the U.S. to China, the Philippines, Vietnam, and Chile, shippers are required to register their facilities with APHIS. If you have not yet submitted your facility registration or need to update your information, you can do so by visiting this link. Please note, if you have already registered in previous seasons, or do not need to make any changes to your information, this form is not required. Please do not hesitate to contact the CBC office if you have any questions or need any assistance with the form.

CAL OSHA COVID-19 NON-EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

On December 15, 2022, the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board voted to adopt non-emergency COVID-19 Prevention regulations. These regulations will take effect in the month of January 2023 and will remain effect for two years after the effective date. Some requirements implemented in the COVID-19 Prevention Emergency Temporary Standards (ETS), will remain in the Non-Emergency Regulations. For instance, employers must provide face coverings and ensure they are worn by employees when CDPH require their use, employers must make COVID-19 testing available at no cost during paid time to employees following a close contact. For additional information, please access Cal-Osha information here.

2023 RENEWAL OF SECTION 24-C FOR SO2 PADS

The CBC is happy to report that the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) has renewed the Section 24C Special Local Needs label to utilize SO2 pads on blueberries for export from California for the 2023 season to the following countries: China, GCC, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, UK, and Vietnam. Please access the official CDPR approval here. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the CBC office.

CBC ATTENDS USAEDC ANNUAL WORKSHOP IN BALTIMORE

The U.S. Agricultural Export Development Council held its annual workshop from November 16-18 in Baltimore, MD. This annual event features in-depth presentations on a wide range of topics, including: election analysis, marketing trends, successes with export development programs, sustainability, effects of current events on world markets, updates to compliance with FAS funding programs, and issues facing specific sectors of the agricultural industry. If you would like additional information on this event, please do not hesitate to contact the CBC office.

NABC BLUEBERRY CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN SAN DIEGO

The North American Blueberry Council will be hosting their annual Blueberry Convention from February 20-23 in San Diego. Event and registration information can be found by visiting the following link:



https://www.blueberryevents.org/bbconvention2023/2621227

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FORM 700 STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS

As outlined by CDFA and the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC), all Board of Directors filers must complete the necessary Form 700. Board members are now eligible to submit your Form 700 electronically through eDisclosure, please log on to https://form700.fppc.ca.gov/, once you have completed your Form, the system will prompt you to electronically submit your completed Form 700. You may also download the Form 700 at https://www.fppc.ca.gov/Form700.html. As a reminder Form 700 is due April 3, 2023. If you have any problems accessing or completing your eDisclosure Form 700, please contact your assigned filing officer, Andrea Carey, via email at Form700@fppc.ca.gov. As always, the Commission is available to assist you as well. Please do not hesitate contact the CBC office for support.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- JANUARY 10TH- POMOLOGY ACTION CONFERENCE
 - DAVIS, CA
- JANUARY 16- OFFICE CLOSED
- JANUARY 23-27- CBC STAFF IN D.C.
- NABC CONVENTION- FEBURARY 23-27
 - SAN DIEGO, CA



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RECIPIE CORNER: CALIFORNIA BLUEBERRY, WALNUT AND BANANA BREAD

Ingredients:

- 4 bananas, 3 mashed, 1 thinly sliced lengthwise
- 1 2/3 cups plus 2 tablespoons spelt flour
- 1/3 cup walnuts
- 3 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon almond milk
- 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 tablespoons chia seeds, mixed with 5 tablespoons water
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 cup California blueberries

Directions:

- Preheat oven to 350°F. Line a loaf pan and set aside.
- Combine all ingredients except the California blueberries in a mixing bowl. Pour batter into prepared pan and top with California blueberries. Put sliced banana on top.
- Bake for 45 minutes. Let cool slightly before slicing.



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