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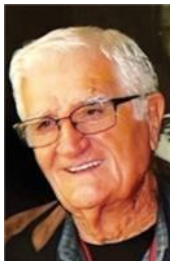
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AG INDUSTRY LEADER PASSES



Sal Giumarra, who for 50 years led the Giumarra family grape-growing operation, died at age 95 in Bakersfield on March 25th. During his tenure as president of **Giumarra Vineyards Corporation**, Sal oversaw the company's expansion to become known as a premier grower of table grapes and established the "GrapeKing" label as an industry-standard of quality throughout the world. He did this in the fields alongside his employees, and many of his farming innovations are now standard practices in the industry. Sal began a life of farming at age 13, working in the fields beside his father after school hours and every summer.

Additionally, for 41 years, Sal served as a member of the Arvin-Edison Water Storage District Board of Directors providing leadership when the district implemented critical water management programs and projects for landowners.

A Memorial and Celebration of Life will be held at Canyon Hills Church at 10:30 a.m. on July 16th, which would have been Sal's 96th birthday. To read Sal's complete obituary, please visit (<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/bakersfield/obituary.aspx?n=sal-giumarra&pid=198312107>).

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR CFFA MEMBERSHIP!

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

March 1st was the beginning of a new fiscal year for the California Fresh Fruit Association. With that, we are pleased to report that the Association's strength continues to be robust, as reflected by its retention and growth during the 2020/21 FY, in which we welcomed more than 10 new members.

In the coming days, each CFFA member will be receiving your renewal notice in the mail. The Association's goal is to retain all our member companies, as you are all tremendously valued, and CFFA leadership invites you to renew your membership for the 2021/22 fiscal year (3/1/21 through 2/28/22).

It is our sincere desire that you and your company continue to experience the value of CFFA membership!

Please contact our Director of Member Services and Communications, Courtney Razor, (crazor@cafreshfruit.com) with any questions.

CALIFORNIA AIMS TO FULLY REOPEN BY JUNE 15TH

On April 6th, Governor Gavin Newsom announced his plan to fully reopen the state on June 15th, provided the following criteria are met:

1. If vaccine supply is sufficient for Californians 16 years and older who wish to be inoculated; and
2. If hospitalization rates are stable and low.

Everyday activities will be allowed, and businesses can open with risk reduction measures, including encouraging all Californians to get vaccinated and mandating masks to be worn, to prevent illness spread.

The state will continue contact tracing and testing to detect cases early and contain spread of the virus. The state will monitor hospitalization rates, vaccine access and efficacy against variants, with the option to revisit the June 15th date if needed.

When California has fully reopened, testing or vaccination verification requirements will remain in relevant settings.

Additionally, all sectors listed in the current Blueprint Activities and Business Tiers Chart may return to usual operations in compliance with ETS/CalOSHA and other statewide agency guidelines and standards with limited public health restrictions, such as masking, testing, and testing or vaccination verification requirements for large-scale higher-risk events. In addition, the following restrictions apply (via a narrow public health order):

- Unless testing or vaccination status is verified for all attendees, conventions will be capped at 5,000 persons until October 1st.
- International convention attendees will only be allowed if fully vaccinated.
- Schools and institutions of higher education should conduct full-time, in person instruction, in compliance with Cal/OSHA emergency temporary standards and public health guidelines.
- Workplaces promote policies that reduce risk, including improved indoor ventilation, and mask wearing in indoor and other high-risk settings as well as remote work when possible, without impacting business operations.
- Californians and travelers will be subject to any current CDPH and CDC travel restrictions.

California will also need to maintain the public health and medical infrastructure in these five priority areas:

1. Continue to provide vaccinations and be prepared for the vaccination of Californians under 16 years old. It is critical that vaccines remain effective against circulating strains.
2. Conduct equity-focused monitoring and surveillance by maintaining adequate testing capacity and strategies for the early detection of cases including variants via genomic sequencing.
3. Contain disease spread through timely investigation of cases, contacts, and outbreaks.
4. Maintain a statewide plan to scale up resources for isolation or quarantine.
5. Monitor hospital admissions and maintain adequate personal protective equipment (PPE) and healthcare surge capacity that can be easily mobilized.

To learn more about the state's plan to reopen, visit (https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/beyond_memo.aspx).

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PG&E HOSTS AG POWER QUALITY WORKSHOP



Pacific Gas and Electric Company®

Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) is hosting an Ag Power Quality Workshop on Wednesday, April 21st

from 10 a.m. to noon.

This webinar will present valuable information about PG&E's electric distribution system and how to identify and address power quality issues that can affect your operations. Topics such as voltage at the customer level, steps customers should take when experiencing a voltage issue, and information on choosing equipment compatible with PG&E's infrastructure will be addressed. Additionally, presenters will share information about ongoing efforts undertaken by PG&E to improve overall reliability and safety of the power distribution system.

For more information and to register, please visit (<https://pge.docebosaas.com/learn/course/external/view/webinar/963/ag-power-quality-workshop>).

8th ANNUAL AG & FOOD TECH WORKSHOP

Doon Insights will be holding their eighth annual Ag & Food Tech Workshop online on May 18th. This event, designed for investors, corporates startups, and growers, will focus on the agricultural food tech industry with a unique focus on early-stage startups. The workshop will include presentations from 20 startup companies in agriculture and food tech, as well as supply chains, and more. For the full list of investor discussions and confirmed presenting startups, visit the event page: (<https://app.glueup.com/event/ag-food-tech-8-workshop-not-at-bonny-doon-29110/>).

CFFA members that would like to participate will receive a discount on the registration. For 20% off your ticket price, enter code **CAFreshFruit20** at checkout.

ANNUAL MAXIMUM RESIDUE LEVEL HARMONIZATION WORKSHOP SCHEDULED FOR MAY 26TH – MAY 27TH

The California Specialty Crops Council will hold its 16th annual 2021 Maximum Residue Level (MRL) Harmonization Workshop May 26th and 27th. This year the workshop will be held virtually.

The interactive workshop will address critically important issues for stakeholders with interests in exporting agricultural products. Registrants, growers, packers, shippers, PCAs, regulators, trade experts, and other stakeholders in international trade are strongly encouraged to attend. Presentation topics include international trade trends, global registrations, pesticide residue monitoring, MRL strategies for growers, updates for international residue standards, global MRL challenges, and research reports regarding the impacts of residues.

Elisa Fertig, Agricultural Attaché with USDA- FAS located in Brussels, will kick off the conference discussing, "European Union Pesticide MRL Policies." Dr. Julian Cudmore, MRL Technical Lead and Consumer Exposure Specialist in the United Kingdom will discuss the "The MRL Processes in the UK for GB and NI." There will be special reports discussing the MRL situation for specialty crops in Kenya, bananas and cranberries. The program also includes international speakers from South Korea, China, Costa Rica, United Kingdom and Kenya.

On-line pre-registration is required by May 18th. For meeting information and a program go to <http://specialtycrops.org/mrlworkshop.html>. The registration fee is \$250 with price discounts for multiple registrations and government employees. For more information, contact Director of Trade, Caroline Stringer (cstringer@cafreshfruit.com).

JOIN THE ALLIANCE FOR FOOD AND FARMING TODAY



The Alliance for Food and Farming (AFF) is a non-profit organization that was formed in 1989 which a mission to deliver credible information to consumers about the safety of all fruits and vegetables.

AFF has developed the "Safe Fruits and Veggies" campaign focused on diminishing the impact campaigns such as the Environmental Working Groups "Dirty Dozen" list release. To view AFF's "A Dozen Reasons to Eat Fruit and Veggies" (<https://www.safefruitsandveggies.com/a-dozen-reasons-to-eat-fruits-and-veggies/>).

CFFA is a proud partner of AFF. President Ian LeMay currently serves at the Vice-Chair of the board and Director of Member Services & Communications Courtney Razor serves on the Communications Committee. For more information on the Alliance for Food and Farming, please visit <https://foodandfarming.info/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/AFF-Supports-Flyer-11-18-b.pdf>. For more information, contact President Ian LeMay (ilemay@cafreshfruit.com).