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### **CDFA SECRETARY KAREN ROSS TO HOLD CALIFORNIA FARM BILL LISTENING SESSIONS IN SACRAMENTO, FRESNO, SAN DIEGO AND SALINAS**

*Public participation is encouraged*

SACRAMENTO, August 15, 2011 -California Department of Food and Agriculture Secretary Karen Ross is holding farm bill listening sessions across the state to gather input from farmers, ranchers and the public regarding California's priorities for the federal farm bill. The listening sessions will offer an opportunity for individuals and organizations to provide comments that will help determine California's farm bill priorities.

"California needs to have a strong voice in the national food policy discussion," said CDFA Secretary Karen Ross. "I strongly encourage everyone's participation in this process."

Covering such issues as research, conservation, nutrition, commodities and rural development - the farm bill is omnibus multi-year legislation for major food and farm programs. The legislation funds critical programs such as nutrition assistance (food stamps), technical assistance for farmers and ranchers, research, invasive species prevention and management, and initiatives that support food production and

environmental conservation. The current farm bill, the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 will expire in 2012, necessitating action by Congress.

California Farm Bill listening session schedule:

August 22, 2011 - Sacramento, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
California Department of Food and Agriculture  
1220 N Street - Main Auditorium  
Sacramento, CA 95814

August 29, 2011 - Fresno, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
Fresno County Farm Bureau  
1274 West Hedges  
Fresno, CA 93728

September 7, 2011 - San Diego, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
San Diego County Farm Bureau  
1670 E. Valley Parkway  
Escondido, CA 92027

September 8, 2011 - Salinas, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Monterey County Agricultural Commissioners Office  
1428 Abbott Street  
Salinas, CA 93901

If you wish to submit comments or position papers regarding a California perspective on the farm bill please email [farmbill@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:farmbill@cdfa.ca.gov) Comments may also be submitted to: California Department of Food and Agriculture, 1220 N Street, Suite 400, Sacramento, CA 95814

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