



## CHAPTER CHALKBOARD

### **An Electronic Member News Update from the California Chapter, ASFMRA February 8, 2018**

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#### **Outlook 2018 Agribusiness Conference Schedule – Register Now!**

The Outlook 2018 Agribusiness Conference will be held March 19-22 at the Marriott Hotel/Visalia Convention Center in Visalia. Conference topics will include: Agricultural Labor Issues; Investor Activity in Agriculture, California's Water Woes, How NOT to Screw it All Up in the Cannabis Industry, and Commodity Updates for Nuts, Beef Cattle, Vineyards and Wine Grapes. Always a highlight, the release of the 2018 issue of Trends® in Agricultural Land and Lease Values will round out the day. [Download the Conference Registration Brochure](#) for complete details on all pre-conference activities including continuing education classes, the Spring Ag Tour and California Classic BBQ and Scholarship Auction! You can [register on-line by clicking here](#). Or, fill out the registration form that can be found in the brochure and send it in with your payment. Be sure to make your hotel reservations by February 28<sup>th</sup> to take advantage of the discounted group room rate.

#### **Submit Nominations Now for 2018 Distinguished California Agriculturalist and Agricultural Stewardship Award**

There is still time submit nominations for the California Chapter's annual Distinguished California Agriculturalist Award that honors an individual who has, through accomplishment, contributed in a significant and highly visible way to the betterment of California agriculture throughout his or her career, and the Agricultural Stewardship Award which recognizes a California agribusiness or person who has demonstrated excellence in conserving, maintaining and improving our natural resources and environment by using innovative and progressive business practices. The deadline to submit nominations has been extended to February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please seriously consider potential candidates for these two awards and contact [Jaime Bigham, ARA](#), Awards Committee Chair, with any questions. [Download award nomination forms](#).

#### **Yes, You Can Donate to the 2018 Scholarship Auction...**

The Scholarship Committee is changing things up to enhance the auction at the 2018 California Classic BBQ. New this year will be a dessert auction where many delicious creations will be up for bid. The committee is still looking for raffle donations and bigger ticket items for the Live Auction. Remember, the funds raised at this annual event go toward funding the chapter's Internship and Scholarship programs, which are an integral part of the chapter's efforts to introduce students to the appraisal and management/consulting professions and to encourage non-designated members to become accredited. Please contact [Julie Rose Gonsalves](#) with your ideas for auction items. If you're ready to donate, [download the Auction Donation Form](#) now!

#### **Pre-Conference Events Offer Opportunity for Education and Networking**

The annual Outlook Conference provides excellent opportunities to expand your education, improve your skills and network with other agribusiness professionals. Take advantage of the pre-conference events that are part of this year's meeting. Register early as they are certain to fill quickly!

Monday, March 19 – Federal & California Statutory and Regulatory Laws

Tuesday, March 20 – 7 Hour USPAP Update

Student Reception

Wednesday, March 21 - Agricultural Chattel Valuation Seminar

Spring Ag Tour

California Classic BBQ & Scholarship Auction

Download the [2018 Conference Brochure](#) for complete details and registration fees.



### **Thank You Outlook Conference Sponsors**

The following companies have already stepped up with their support to sponsor the Outlook Conference in March. A huge thank you to each of you!

- Duarte Nursery – *Conference Lunch*
- Runyan Appraisal Service – *Conference Breakfast*
- Farm Credit – *Conference Lanyards; Ag Tour Lunch; and Wine for BBQ*
- Edwards, Lien & Toso, Inc. – *California Classic BBQ*
- Prudential Agricultural Investments – *California Classic BBQ*
- Merriman, Hurst & Associates, Inc. – *California Classic BBQ*
- ParcelQuest – *Conference Morning Refreshment Break*
- Valbridge Property Advisors – *Conference Afternoon Refreshment Break*
- Vineyard Professional Services – *Conference Drawing Prize*
- American Pistachio Growers – *Audio Visual Support*
- American AgCredit – *Student Reception*
- Rabobank, N.A. – *Student Reception*
- Hilmar Cheese Company – *General Conference Sponsor*

Looking to lend support to the chapter while getting your company name in front of thousands? Conference sponsorships are still available. Please contact Suzie in the Chapter Office at (209) 368-3672 or [info@calasfmra.com](mailto:info@calasfmra.com) or [download the Sponsorship Form](#) for more information.

### **Appraisal Internship Opportunity**

Do you know of a college student interested in an Appraisal Internship? Yosemite Farm Credit has a program that offers the opportunity for college students to gain valuable on-the-job training for the farm real estate appraisal process. Interested students should send their cover letter, resume and transcripts to: Yosemite Farm Credit, ACA, Attn: Jelina Seibert, SVP Human Resources Manager – [careers@yfc.ag](mailto:careers@yfc.ag). The length of the Internship is approximately 3 months and is a 12-week paid program. 2+ years of college experience is preferred. Resumes will be accepted through 2/28/18. For more information, contact Jerry Furtado at [jaf@yfc.ag](mailto:jaf@yfc.ag).

## **SAVE THESE DATES!!!**

March 19–22 Outlook 2018 Agribusiness Conference – Visalia

- March 19 – Federal & California Statutory and Regulatory Laws
- March 20 – 7 Hour USPAP Update; Student Reception
- March 21 – Spring Ag Tour; Agricultural Chattel Valuation Seminar; California Classic BBQ
- March 22 – Outlook 2018 Conference and Release of Trends® in Agricultural Land & Lease Values

April 26-27 California Chapter, ASFMRA Long Range Planning Meeting – Lemoore

June 24-29 ASFMRA Education Week – Des Moines, IA

Sept 11-15 ASFMRA Leadership Institute – Washington D.C.

Oct. 29–Nov. 2 ASFMRA Annual Conference – Chandler, AZ

Please don't hesitate to contact the chapter office for more information on any of the items included in the Chapter Chalkboard.

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