



February 5, 2016 Update

**Upcoming Event:
CALIFORNIA DAIRY CAMPAIGN**

*Will have a booth at the
TULARE FARM SHOW*

Feb 9-11, 2016

The CDC Booth number this year is #6410

The same location as last year

In the Farm Credit Dairy Center

Plan to visit our booth to meet with our board and staff and learn the latest about the issues we are working on at the World Ag Expo in Tulare next week. We will have information about our ongoing efforts to establish a federal milk marketing order for California to bring prices paid here in line with the rest of the country, the Trans Pacific Partnership, environmental, labor and other issues.

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U.S. Farmers Urge Congress to Stop TPP - WASHINGTON (February 3, 2016) – The U.S. Trade Representative today signed the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), and a national organization representing farmers and ranchers from coast to coast is calling on Congress to block the giant trade pact. “TPP is modeled after the failed deals of the past, and it is destined to fail,” explained Roger Johnson, president of the National Farmers Union. “Those past deals worsened America’s trade deficit, did nothing to stop our foreign competitors from cheating the system, and failed to live up to a long list of promises.” Once signed by the Administration, TPP will eventually be delivered to Congress for a debate and an up-or-down vote without amendments. Johnson and NFU members in all 50 states are urging Congress to take its time during the examination process and to ultimately reject the deal. “The more people learn about TPP, the more they dislike it,” Johnson noted. “It’s soft on enforcement, it fails to reign in predatory trade practices abroad, and it does nothing to improve America’s trade balance.” The U.S. trade deficit soared to \$508 billion in 2014, up 6 percent from the previous year, despite trade deals with 20 countries, he testified. And this trade imbalance, he explained, is a major hurdle to economic and job growth. “TPP is a bad deal for rural and urban America alike,” Johnson said immediately after the pact was signed. “We encourage all members of Congress to carefully read the text and ask the hard questions that have, thus far, gone unanswered. Once they do, we believe legislators will vote no and demand better negotiations in the future.”

Seminars at the Farm Show: Sustainable Conservation invites dairy producers to their seminar series “Practical Solutions” on Thursday, February 11th at the World Ag Expo. Seminars will be held in the dairy seminar building located south of the Farm Credit Dairy Center on Expo Lane. Presentations will start at 9:30am and end at 3:00pm with lunch sponsored by the Almond Board. The seminars located in trailer #1 (East) include: Evaluation of a Biofilter Treating a San Joaquin Valley Dairy’s Lagoon Water; Using Composting to Manage Manure and Improve the Bottom Line Drip Irrigation of Dairy Forage Crops Utilizing Dairy Effluent; Seen and Unseen Benefits of Strip-Till in California Dairy Forage Programs; The Role of On-Farm Groundwater Recharge in Achieving a Sustainable Water Future for California; Financial Incentives for Agricultural Irrigation Systems in California; NRCS Conservation Programs to Assist Animal Feeding Operations and Address Water Quality Issues; Precision Irrigation and Conservation Agriculture Seen and Unseen; and Benefits of Strip-Till in California Dairy Forage Programs.