



# Newsletter

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## COMMISSION ATTENDS US APPLE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS MEETING

On February 14, 2019, The US Apple Government Affairs Committee, Board of Directors, and State apple executives met on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. At this meeting, the Committee discussed the US Apple industry's official position on important topics including: immigration, food safety, trade, labor, and pesticide policies, among others. The Committee was also informed of an upcoming meeting between US Apple representatives and White House personnel to discuss trade issues, specifically including: the ratification of the USMCA agreement between the US, Mexico, and Canada; and the retaliatory tariffs imposed by Mexico, India, and China. US Apple serves the interests of the nation's apple growers on a wide range of issues including agricultural labor, export promotion, specialty crop farm bill programs, and federal nutrition programs. For more information regarding US Apple or this meeting, please contact the Commission office.

## COMMISSION APPLIES FOR SPECIALTY CROP BLOCK GRANT

The Commission has submitted one proposal for the Specialty Crop Block Grant program through the California Department of Agriculture, titled "Orchard floor management strategies to improve agroecosystem health for California apples." The Commission is happy to report that this proposal was invited back to Phase 2. If funded, the grant program would begin in November 2019. The CDFA SCBG review committee will make a final decision and announce funding results later in spring 2019. The Commission will provide updates as they are received. For any questions regarding these grant proposals, please contact the CAC office.

## COMMISSION ATTENDS FRUIT LOGISTICA

On February 2-8, 2019, the California Apple Commission participated in the Fruit Logistica trade show, located in Berlin, Germany, through the U.S. Apple Export Council. Fruit Logistica is the largest fresh fruits show in the world. It covers the fresh produce business and offers a complete picture of the latest innovations, projects, and services in the international supply chain. This trade show provides the Commission with the unique opportunity to reach a vast audience of retailers and importers from around the world. If you would like more information and plan on attending next year, please contact the Commission office.

## eDISCLOSURE FOR e-FILING FORM 700 REMINDER

As outlined by CDFA and the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC), all Board of Directors must complete the necessary Form 700. Board members are now eligible to submit their Form 700s electronically through eDisclosure. To access the eDisclosure system and complete e-filing Form 700, please log on to <https://form700.fppc.ca.gov/>. Upon logging in, you will see a list of positions that you are required to file a Form 700 for. Once completed, your Form 700 will be save in your online-filing cabinet under "Previous Filings" menu. **As a reminder, the Form 700 is due April 2, 2019.** Should you have any problems accessing or completing your eDisclosure Form 700, please contact your assigned FPPS filing officer, Christine Chen at (916) 324-7602 or via email at [Form700@fppc.ca.gov](mailto:Form700@fppc.ca.gov). As always, the Commission can help you file your Form 700. Please contact the Commission office for assistance.

**COMMISSION TO ATTEND CAPITOL HILL DAY**  
The California Apple Commission will be visiting Washington D.C. from March 11-15, 2019. The purpose of this visit is to attend the US Apple Association Board Meeting, and to meet with Congressional members to provide information on current problems facing the apple industry. Topics to be discussed will include labor, water, tariffs and export issues, among others. If you would like more information about the upcoming visit, please contact the Commission office.

**HEAT ILLNESS PREVENTION TRAINING** The Department of Industrial Relations, Cal/OSHA Consultation & Agricultural Organizations are hosting a free heat illness prevention training session. The training will be hosted on Friday, April 12, 2019 in both Spanish and English. The 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. session will be in Spanish, and the 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. session will be held in English. Upon completion, certificates will be distributed to attendees. If you have any questions, please contact the CAC office. The training will be held at:

C.P.D.E.S. Portuguese Hall  
172 W. Jefferson Ave. Easton, CA 93706

**COMMISSION ATTENDS THE APHIS  
ADMINISTRATOR'S APPLE COMMODITY  
SECTOR MEETING**

On February 14, 2019, the Commission participated in the APHIS Apple Commodity Sector Meeting held in Washington, DC at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Commission met with senior APHIS officials to provide updates on specific market access issues currently affecting California. In addition, APHIS provided updates on the current status of their top market access requests in an effort to keep the industry up to date. USDA Marketing and Regulatory Programs Undersecretary, Greg Ibach, also attended this meeting to provide further insight, in addition to gaining industry perspective. For more information regarding market access updates or this meeting, please do not hesitate to contact the Commission office.

**INTERN SELECTED FOR 2019 YAL PROGRAM**

The CAC's intern, Nicole Helms, has been selected to participate in the 2019 US Apple Young Apple Leaders (YAL) program. Nicole will be spending March 12-15th in Washington, D.C. meeting with apple industry leaders and attending Congressional meetings on US Apple's Capitol Hill Day. The mission of YAL is to equip the next generation with an understanding of federal regulatory and legislative apple issues, and provide an opportunity to learn from peers and apple leaders around the country. *The YAL program sponsors cover all costs associated with participation.*

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**APPLE BITES  
Sautéed Apples**

1/4 cup butter  
4 large tart California apples- peeled, cored, and sliced 1/4 in thick 2  
teaspoons cornstarch  
1/2 cup cold water  
1/2 cup brown sugar  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1. In a large skillet or saucepan, melt butter over medium heat; add apples. Cook, stirring constantly, until apples are almost tender, about 6-7 minutes.
2. Dissolve cornstarch in water; add to skillet. Stir in brown sugar and cinnamon. Boil for 2 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat and serve warm.

*Recipe courtesy of [www.allrecipes.com](http://www.allrecipes.com)*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- **Trade Mission with US Apple Export Council**  
–Date: February 28-March 6 2019  
–Location: Middle East
- **ANTAD Mexico**  
–Date: March 5-7, 2019  
–Location: Guadalajara, Mexico
- **US Apple Export Council**  
–Date: March 12, 2019  
–Location: Washington, D.C.
- **US Apple Capitol Hill Day**  
– Date: March 13, 2019  
– Location: Washington, D.C



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