



# Newsletter

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## CAC ATTENDS INTERNATIONAL FRESH PRODUCE ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

In late September, the CAC traveled to Washington, DC to participate in the annual International Fresh Produce Association Conference. The purpose of this event is to unite fresh produce industry members in order to address some of the most pressing public policy matters impacting specialty crops. The CAC was able to meet with many Members of Congress to discuss issues impacting the California apple industry including reformed disaster relief specific to California and the upcoming reauthorization of the 2023 Farm Bill. If you have any questions regarding this event, please do not hesitate to contact the CAC office.

## 2023 STERILE CODLING MOTH RELEASES

If you are interested in releasing Sterile Codling Moths on your apple acreage during the 2023 season, M3 Ag Tech is coordinating releases for the 2023 season now! M3 specializes in sterile insect release (SIR), of Codling Moths as an organic control strategy. M3 provides an end-to-end service, ensuring the viability of moths from the time they leave the facility until they're released into orchards. 800 sterile moths per acre are released on a weekly basis via drone deployment. Cost to release is **\$450/acre**. In 2021, the CAC funded trials with M3 Ag Tech. If you would like a copy of the final report and trial data, please reach out to Elise Oliver [eliver@calapple.org](mailto:eliver@calapple.org). If you would like to secure releases for the 2023 season, please reach out directly to Nathan Moses of M3 Ag Tech at [nmosesgo@m3cg.us](mailto:nmosesgo@m3cg.us)

## CDPR COMMENT PERIOD FOR PROTONE

California Department of Pesticide Regulation (CDPR) has posted the conditional registration of ProTone, for use as an organic apple thinner, to a 30-day comment period. Letters are due to CDPR by November 20th. CAC staff will keep the industry updated once the registration is complete. For more information on ProTone, please reach out to Elise Oliver [eliver@calapple.org](mailto:eliver@calapple.org).

## AB 2183 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR NEWSOM

On September 28, 2022, Governor Newsom signed into law AB 2183-Agricultural Label Relations: Elections, authored by Assemblymember Stone. Previously, union elections were conducted via secret ballot. AB 2183 instead provides agricultural workers the right to vote for or against union representation by mail balloting or through card check. Beginning January 1st, employers will have the opportunity to opt-in to labor-peace compacts, which triggers mail balloting. For employers who do not opt-in to labor-peace compacts, non-labor peace elections, or card check, will be utilized in order to certify unions as bargaining representatives of an employer's employees. For a detailed explanation of the various differences between labor peace elections and non-labor peace elections or how this law may affect your operation, please do not hesitate to contact Elise Oliver [eliver@calapple.org](mailto:eliver@calapple.org).

## FSMA FINAL RULE: REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL TRACEABILITY RECORDS FOR CERTAIN FOODS

The FDA issued a final rule on November 15th, that establish traceability and recordkeeping requirements for person who manufacture, process, pack, or hold foods included on the Food Traceability List. Companies will need to maintain records containing Key Data Elements (KDEs) associated with specific Critical Tracking Events (CTEs) and provide information to the FDA within 24 hours or within a reasonable time to which the FDA has agreed. Compliance date for all persons involved is January 20, 2026. To view a Stakeholder webinar regarding this recent rule, please click [here](#). Please do not hesitate to contact the CAC office with any questions.

## CAC ATTEND IFPA GLOBAL PRODUCE & FLORAL SHOW

The California Apple Commission recently attended the inaugural International Fresh Produce Association (IFPA) Global Produce & Floral Show held in Orlando, FL from October 27-29, 2022. This tradeshow replaced the Produce Marketing Association (PMA)'s Fresh Summit, and is a result of the recent merger between PMA and the United Fresh Produce Association. At the tradeshow, the CAC participated in a promotional activity, in conjunction with the U.S. Apple Export Council, to encourage attendees to visit USAEC member booths and engage with representatives from each apple producing state. The activity included distributing a USAEC "Passport" to importers and distributors at the show that they could then collect stickers for their passport book from state representatives. Trade members who collected the greatest amount of stickers were entered into a raffle for a Visa card or gift certificate. For more information on the tradeshow and promotional activity, please do not hesitate to contact the Commission office.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **United States Agricultural Export Development Council Annual Workshop- Baltimore, Maryland**
  - Date: November 16-18
- **CAC Board of Directors Meeting**
  - Date: November 29
- **Office Closed for Thanksgiving**
  - Date: November 24-25



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## APPLE BUTTER



### InstantPot California Apple Butter

#### Ingredients

- 12 cups (about 14 medium) California apples
- 1/3 cup coconut sugar
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

#### Directions

- Wash and slice your apples and place them into your Instant Pot.
- Add all of the other ingredients to the Instant Pot and pressure cook/use manual mode for 20 minutes.
- When it's done cooking, pressure release and carefully remove the lid.
- Stir the apple butter to combine all the ingredients.
- Transfer the apple butter to a blender and blend until smooth.



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