



City of Woodland

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: March 17, 2009

SUBJECT: National Agriculture Week

Report in Brief

Annually since 1995, the City Council has acknowledged National Agriculture Week in the City of Woodland via a Proclamation. This request comes forth on behalf of the Yolo County Farm Bureau and the Woodland Chamber of Commerce and the Proclamation is associated with the annual Farm City Festival Breakfast on March 18.

Staff recommends that the City Council Proclaim the week of March 15 through 21, 2009 as National Agriculture Week and select a Member of Council who would be attending the March 18 breakfast to present the Proclamation.

Background

Agriculture has been a significant way of life and source of income to this area for decades. Farming was one of the primary occupations for the Yolo County and continues to provide a large part of the food supply to the State. The annual income from agriculture in the County during 2007 was \$453,539,019. By comparison, the chart below shows the fluctuations in the income:

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Income Generated</u> |
|-------------|-------------------------|
| 2000 | \$302,736,000 |
| 2001 | \$288,579,000 |
| 2002 | \$299,781,000 |
| 2003 | \$304,520,000 |
| 2004 | \$338,128,000 |
| 2005 | \$332,720,000 |
| 2006 | \$370,195,973 |

The figures rise and fall comparatively relative to the economy and other factors facing agriculture today.

Each Council Member should have received an invitation to the 29th Annual Farm City Festival Breakfast on March 18, 2009 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the Hotel Woodland. The Farm Bureau would like one of the Council Members to present this Proclamation at this breakfast.

Recommendation for Action

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Enclosure: Proclamation

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Proclamation

NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK

WHEREAS, agriculture is the Nation's most basic industry and its associated production, processing, and marketing segments together provide more jobs than any other industry; and,

WHEREAS, it is also very important to the local economy with Yolo County generating \$453,539,019 in agricultural sales in 2007; and,

WHEREAS, American agriculture deserves special recognition for its incredible achievements in feeding, clothing and sheltering the citizens of our country and the world; and,

WHEREAS, maintaining a healthy agricultural industry necessitates that all American consumers understand agriculture's effect on their lives and well-being; and,

WHEREAS, Spring is an ideal time of year to recognize the contributions of the agricultural industry to the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Woodland does hereby proclaim the week of March 15-21, 2009 as **NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK** in the City of Woodland in recognition of the importance of agriculture to our Community.

Dated this 17th day of March, 2009

Marlin H. Davies, Mayor

Artemio Pimentel, Vice-Mayor

Martie L. Dote, Council Member

William Marble, Council Member

Jeff W. Monroe, Council Member