

## THE CALIFORNIA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

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THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR FEDERAL POLICY RESEARCH invite you to attend a

## **Lunch Briefing Re Food Security and Safe Trade**

Monday, April 28, 2003 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. B-369 Rayburn House Office Building

Following 9/11 and Operation Enduring Freedom, the California Farm Bureau is asking congressional leaders to support efforts to prevent introduction of pests or diseases that threaten food safety:

- Inspections must be thorough to ensure imported foods are safe for American consumers.
- Appropriations are required to maintain programming dedicated to detecting, controlling and eradicating pest and disease outbreaks.

The California Farm Bureau Federation, based in Sacramento, consists of more than 90,000 members dedicated to providing a reliable supply of food and fiber through responsible conservation of California's natural resources.

California has led the nation in agricultural production for more than 50 years. Through production of more than 250 commodities, the state's farmers and ranchers produce more than \$30 billion in annual farm value.

We hope you will join us for lunch on Monday to hear remarks by Bill Pauli, owner of Braren-Pauli Vineyards and Redwood Valley Cellars and President of the California Farm Bureau Federation.

If you plan to attend, please reply (acceptances only, thank you) to ransdell@calinst.org, fax to 202-546-2390, or call 202-546-3700.