BENEFITS OF BELONGING TO CGFA

“The California Grain and Feed Association (CGFA) is an inclusive non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide a wide range of specialized services and activities which feed and feeding industry firms utilize to collectively address industry needs, interests and issues on a continuing basis.”

State and Federal Legislative and Regulatory Representation
- Lobbyist and Regulatory Experts on Staff
- Member of Ag Lobbying Coalitions
- Industry Advocacy Before Legislature and Local, State and Federal Government Agencies
- Official Written Comment to Local, State and Federal Regulations
- Participation at California Department Industry Advisory Boards

Regular Communication Regarding Issues That Affect Your Business
- Weekly Electronic Newsletter
- Email Blasts on Specific and Time-Sensitive Issues
- Reminders Regarding State and Federal Regulatory Milestones and Deadlines
- Active Social Media Presence on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn

Finding Solutions and Protecting Our Businesses
- Grassroot Legislative Reform (e.g. Dairy Lien Law Change/Dairy Feed Lien Packets for Members)
- Cost Saving Group Insurance Programs
- Industry Training Opportunities
- Cost-Effective Group Environmental Compliance Programs

Member Resources
- Pacific Southwest Directory
- Daily Market Review
- Dairy Feed Lien Handbook

Networking and Outreach Opportunities
- Annual Convention
- Grain & Feed Industry Conference
- California Animal Nutrition Conference
- District Meetings
- Educational Meetings and Safety Workshops
- Facility Tours to Expose Elected Officials and Key Regulatory Personnel to our Businesses

CGFA Career Center
- The Go-To Resource to Connect You with Qualified Candidates
- Easy to Use for Posting Jobs and Candidate Resumes
- Marketed to Candidates at California’s Ag Universities
ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2017-2018

• YEAR AT-A-GLANCE •

Top 10 Legislation Activities

• **AB 2610 (Aguiar Curry)** allows truck drivers carrying grain and feed through rural or remote areas, to commence their meal break after the sixth hour. Current law is restrictive and problematic for both employee and employer alike. This bill, which was sponsored by CGFA, provides truck drivers with the flexibility they need to find a safe and convenient spot to take their well-deserved meal break. The bill passed the legislature with bipartisan and unanimous support and was signed into law by the Governor.

• **SB 668 (McGuire)** authorizes CDFA to increase fines for violations of the Commercial Feed Law and establishes a mechanism for CDFA to carry out administrative hearings on the issue. The current fine structure in place for violations of the Commercial Feed Law is insufficient in deterring violations. The California Feed Industry Advisory Board reviewed the proposal on several occasions and CGFA board of Directors voted to support. CGFA stepped in as the bill sponsor and shepherded the bill, which required a 2/3 vote, through the process. The bill was signed by the Governor.

• **AB 3021 (Levine, Medina, Salas)** provides a pathway to cage-free eggs produced and sold in California by 2024. The bill was sponsored by ACEF; unfortunately, it was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

• **SCR 100 (Lara)** would direct OEHHA to list “Processed Meat” under proposition 65 requiring a warning. The bill was ultimately dropped by the Author after strong opposition by CGFA, ACEF and livestock producers. Held in Committee by Author.

• **SB 212 (Jackson)** would establish a statewide pharmaceutical drug take back program for all pharmaceutical and sharps waste collection. As originally introduced, SB 212 also covered veterinary medicine which includes all drugs used to prevent, treat or control disease in animals (livestock & pets). The Association was able to get an exemption for veterinary medicine and sharps as well as preemption language on local stewardship programs which will deliver long-term certainty for our industry and avoid a county-by-county approach. Signed by the Governor.

• **AB 2909 (Wood)** Legislation on micro enterprises poultry processing, providing more flexibility for small producers to self-process poultry. Bill was held in Appropriations after strong opposition.

• **AB 3159 (Thurmond)** this measure tried to regulate state poultry slaughter facilities similar to USDA inspected livestock facilities. The bill failed to make it out of its first policy committee.

• **SB 1039 (Pan)** makes permanent a regulation that provides a standard of identity for “ultra filtered milk”. Signed by the Governor.

Educational Training and Networking Opportunities

• **January 16 -18, 2018** — Grain & Feed Industry Conference in Monterey

• **February 21-22, 2018** - CGFA Board of Directors Meeting in Pismo Beach

• **April 10, 2018** — CGFA Feed Manufacturing Study Group Meeting in Modesto

• **April 25 -28, 2018** — CGFA Annual Convention in Napa

• **May 2 -3, 2018** — California Animal Nutrition Conference in Fresno

• **June 7, 2018** - CGFA District Meeting & Golf Tournament in Fresno

• **July 24-25, 2018** - CGFA Board of Directors Meeting in Sacramento

• **October 1-3, 2018** — Food Safety Preventative Controls Alliance (FSPCA) Training Courses for Preventative Controls for Animal Food and Preventative Controls for Animal Food Lead Instructors Course in Modesto

• **October 11, 2018** — CGFA Day at the Races in Fresno

• **October 17, 2018** — CGFA & NGFA Regulatory Seminar in Fresno

• **November 1-2, 2018** — CGFA Board of Directors Meeting in Indian Wells

• **December 6, 2018** — CGFA LA District Christmas Luncheon in Ontario

Committee Work

• **Feed Manufacturing Study Group** Met to Discuss FSMA Training and Organic Issues in Feed

• **Membership Committee** Worked on Membership Recruitment and Retention