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(Ethan C. and Individuals gathering around a conference room in Lima, Peru)

U.S. Department of State's Sister Ports Program

In July, Staff traveled to Lima, Peru to represent California agriculture as part of a trade mission led by the Port of Hueneme through the U.S. Department of State's Sister Ports Program with the Port of Paita. The mission provided an opportunity to observe Peru's agricultural industry and gain insight into international market trends, while also highlighting the value of California's specialty crops in global trade. Thank you to the USDA & CDFA for co-funding this trip.

The One, Big, Beautiful Bill

With a significant effect on federal taxes, credits, and deductions, the One, Big, Beautiful Bill was signed into law on July 4, 2025. This 2025 legislative package combines major tax cuts, spending increases, and policy shifts in a variety of areas, such as individual income taxes, energy policy, agriculture policy, and border/security spending. Stakeholders and entities like the Olive Oil Commission of California will continue to monitor the law's effects as implementations of the bill will continue to move forward.

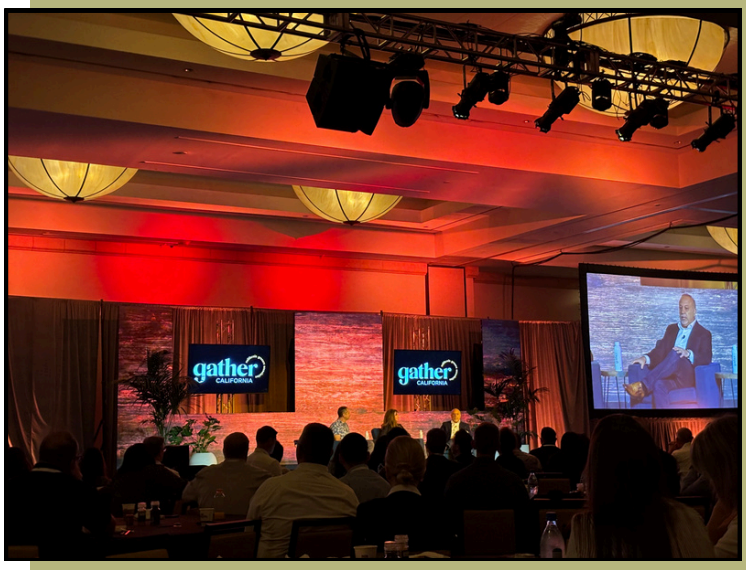
U.S. Agriculture Development Export Council Conference in Washington, D.C.

In July, Staff attended the USAEDC conference to gain insights into trade policies impacting American agriculture. They met with USDA representatives and engaged with other commodity groups and trade associations to explore opportunities for future collaboration on international promotional activities. Attendees heard from Secretary Brooke Rollins, along with other industry experts who shared valuable perspectives on global trade. Staff is scheduled to attend the second part of the conference in November with the theme of "The Quest for New Markets."

(Secretary Brook Rollins at USAEDC)

Grocer's Conference in Palm Springs

Staff just returned from Gather California formerly known as the California Grocers Association Conference, and it was an incredible experience connecting with leaders from across the state's grocery industry. From retailer-supplier meetings to insightful sessions on the latest trends shaping California's dynamic market, the conference offered the perfect balance of learning and relationship-building. For more info, contact the OOCC office.



(Grocer's conference in Palm Springs)

Important Dates!

December 31 – Preliminary Form A due
January 15 – CDFA sampling begins
February 28 – Final Form A & Form B due
May 15 – Final Annual Sampling Program Report & Results released

Roasted Beet Salad with Arugula and Olive Oil Dressing

Looking for a fresh and flavorful addition to your fall menu? This Roasted Beet Salad from CA GROWN combines tender roasted beets, peppery arugula, and creamy feta cheese, all tossed in a simple extra virgin olive oil dressing. Perfect for holiday gatherings or a light weeknight meal, this recipe highlights the versatility of California olive oil.

For full recipe and instructions visit CA Grown

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OOCC Kicks Off the 2025–2026 Annual Sampling Program

The Olive Oil Commission of California has officially kicked off the 2025–2026 Annual Sampling Program, marking the beginning of another year dedicated to ensuring the quality, purity, and authenticity of California Olive Oil. As part of the kickoff, the Preliminary Form A has been released and is required to be completed by handlers producing 5,000 gallons or more of olive oil. This form is due December 31st and serves as a critical component in establishing the foundation for the annual sampling process, allowing the OOCC and CDFA to coordinate sampling activities and testing assignments for the season. To support handlers in completing the form accurately, the OOCC has also released Preliminary Form A Tutorial Videos, which walk through the submission process step-by-step. Both the form and tutorial videos can be accessed on the OOCC website under the Sampling Program and Member Resources page:
OOCC Sampling Program & Member Resources.

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